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## Who's Who and What's What

Pastor E. P. Baker was assisted in a meeting in Labelle Place Church, Memphis, by Dr. J. Norris Palmer of Baton Rouge. There were 73 additions, 51 by baptism.

Vacation Bible school at Pearson church begins Sunday, June 12, closing Friday. The first day is for preparation and enrollment. Pastor W. L. Sewell will have some of the state workers with him. Rev. N. R. Stone of Jackson will bring the Bible message every evening.

The minute of the State W. M. U. Convention held in New Albany in April is on our desk. It gives valuable reports and interesting information about the work in this jubilee year of the Southern W.M.U. and sixtieth of the State W.M.U. It is a good record of good work, and attractively printed by Purser Brothers.

Pastor Glen Smith asks prayer for the meeting at Deemer, Neshoba County, beginning June 12. He will be assisted by G. W. Smith, pastor at Sallis who has just finished his work at Mississippi College. The outlook at Deemer is very hopeful with a Sunday school of nearly 100 average, 50 in B. T. U., good prayer meeting and working W.M.U.

Rev. W. O. Vaught, the untiring student secretary in Missouri, takes 85 college students to Ridgecrest June 8-16, and then on a tour through Richmond, Washington and New York. On June 20 at 2:30 p. m. some of the students will broadcast from Washington over Columbia net work and some from New York at 11:15 a. m. over the Mutual system, Central Standard Time.

Two young men from the Baptist Bible Institute came to the help of Pastor Tilman McGee in the little church in East Jackson, just across the river from the Capitol City. This is the place which the governor and a few others have tried in vain to clean up. We are glad the gospel method is being tried. The two evangelists are brethren W. E. Green and Heath. Mr. Holliway of Clinton also assisted them. Good congregations attended and a number of conversions are reported. The church is now in much better spirit to carry on.

We can but admire the freedom and courage with which Editor McMillan speaks his mind through "Charity and Children" of Thomasville, N. C. The ordinary religious paper has to be very careful how it expresses an opinion about anything that approaches politics. And yet religion has to do with all phases of life, even politics. The only wise expression of opinion by a religious paper in political matters is when politics affects morals or endangers society. Then the man who doesn't speak out is neither a good Christian nor a good patriot. Editor McMillan in one article condemns Negroes for voting as a unit, and condemns those who deprive anybody of his legal or constitutional right to vote, whether he be black or white. The best way to prevent bloc voting is to see that justice is done those who feel that the only way to get justice is to vote in a bloc. Bloc voting is certainly a menace to democracy and a threat to justice. It is a danger signal, and we would do well to pay attention to it.

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Rev. Bruce Benson since finishing at Mississippi College has been taking work in the Louisville Seminary. He is pastor at Milton, Ky.

Marks seems to have set the mark in district meetings for the W.M.U. when over 300 reported present. The attendance was good at all eight of the meetings.

Pastor J. W. Hickerson of Mission, Texas, says that occasionally they have a Baptist Standard night at prayer meeting. Everybody tells of something good he has gotten out of the paper.

The sympathy of those at Baptist headquarters is with Miss Christine Spain whose mother passed away last week after a lingering illness. Mrs. Spain's body was laid to rest in Kosciusko by loving friends.

There are said to be more than 900 Negro Baptist preachers living in Atlanta, Ga. If each one of these entertains a colored messenger to the Baptist World Alliance, maybe the race question will not bob up.

Dr. George J. Mason becomes on July 1 secretary of the Texas Baptist Foundation, resigning as treasurer and associate secretary of the Baptist General Convention Board of Texas. The Foundation has now \$4,000,000 in endowment funds and it is hoped to increase it to \$10,000,000.

Sunday morning it was the editor's privilege to preach for Pastor Haynie at Durant, and enjoy the hospitality of the pastor's home. Bro. Haynie is recovering from a hospital experience and will soon be back at work. He is already planning ahead. We were glad to greet a goodly company of old friends here.

Our people are glad to hear that the work of Pastor E. H. Westmoreland at South Main Street Church, Houston, begins well. There were 49 additions in May, 32 have been baptized. The S. S. averages over 1,000 and the B. T. U. around 350. Brother Westmoreland preached the commencement sermon for the nurses graduating from the Memorial Hospital, and for the South Texas School of Law and Commerce. He sends greetings to friends in Mississippi where at Leland he spent the four happiest years of his life. He adds, "We have just returned from Ft. Worth where we attended the Pastors' Evangelistic Conference. Approximately 1500 pastors in attendance. It was a thrilling experience in my life. I believe that Dr. Gunter was present and in all probability he will plan for such a meeting in Mississippi. Signs are most hopeful for a world-wide revival among our Baptist people."

An exchange tells us that American farmers last year received \$53,000,000 from the liquor business for grain. And there was a decrease of \$144,000,000.00 in receipts from the sale of milk.

Mr. T. M. Hederman, editor of The Clairon-Ledger of Jackson was last week elected president of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College. This is a high and deserved honor held in past years by Hon. Benj. Whitfield, Capt. W. T. Ratliff, Dr. B. W. Griffith and Dr. J. W. Mayfield.

The meeting conducted by Messrs Green, Heath and Holloway in East Jackson last week resulted in several baptisms. It is understood that brother Tillman McGee goes to a theological seminary this fall and the church will probably secure a Mississippi College student as his successor.

With free entertainment for pastors given by the Woman's College at Hattiesburg during the Assembly July 3-8, and with a program which provides soul food and inspiration there ought to be scores who will take advantage of it. Drs. J. D. Grey of New Orleans, and W. E. Denham of St. Louis, are among the most dynamic speakers that Southern Baptists have.

Because of having to preach elsewhere we had to miss the sermon by Dr. B. D. Gray Sunday morning to the graduates of Mississippi and Hillman Colleges, much to our regret. Returning Sunday afternoon we heard glowing reports of a great service. At night the Mississippi College Band under the direction of Prof. Mackie and the glee clubs of the two colleges gave a sacred concert in the church before a large congregation. It is an inspiring occasion. The songs were specially worshipful. Dr. Gray preached Sunday evening for Pastor Hewitt at First Church, Jackson.

It was a beautiful scene when twenty-five young women marched out on Hillman campus, dressed in white robes and caps, and took their seats to hear the address by Rev. T. K. Horton of Columbia and receive their diplomas from the hand of President M. P. L. Berry. Mr. Horton spoke on Perseverance, and his address was timely, eloquent, brief and straight to the mark. If a school can raise a crop like this every year, it is certainly deserving of a great future. It has had a great past of eighty-five years. The commencement exercises were out in the open and accompanied by excellent music under the direction of Prof. Slater. The opening prayer was led by Pastor J. W. Middleton; the closing prayer by Dr. W. T. Lowrey.

Dr. Zeno Wall of First Church, Shelby, N. C., had Dr. W. F. Powell of Nashville with him in a meeting in which nearly 100 united with the church. A lady 79 years of age made profession of faith, and a man nearly 70 was baptized. The singing was well led by Mr. Horace Easom. A great service was held for men only. Dr. Powell spoke on "Wanted—A Man," and every man in the large auditorium bowed his head in new surrender to the Lord. Dr. Wall says that the revival for which we have prayed seems at the door. He and Dr. Powell recently helped in the evangelistic campaign in Atlanta where 2700 united with the churches. Three things distinguished that campaign. Preachers on their knees, preaching on the street corners, and beautiful fellowship.



## Sparks and Splinters

A report of what you are going to do is rather premature news.

Dr. B. E. Geer has resigned as president of Furman University and Greenville Woman's College on account of ill health.

Four Wake Forest professors are retiring, having reached the age limit. They are Drs. W. R. Cullom, J. W. Lynch, B. F. Sledd and N. Y. Gulley.

Evangelist A. D. Muse announces in the Baptist and Reflector that he will have a daily radio broadcast from WMPS in Memphis 1430 k in the interest of religion.

The supreme court of Mississippi recently ruled that a negro tenant was entitled to recover not only interest but the principal where more than legal rates of interest had been charged by a landlord for "furnishes and advances."

2100 high school seniors were recently entertained for one day at Baylor University, their expenses being provided by some of the Women's Missionary Societies. Some of the folks are waking up.

Sixty years after his graduation from Mississippi College Dr. B. D. Gray returned this year to preach the commencement sermon of his alma mater. Hon. W. M. Whittington who graduated forty years ago made the baccalaureate address. These young men are still going strong.

A Methodist writing in the British Weekly about the union of various branches of Methodism recently effected in Great Britain, says: "Methodist union has not proved to be a success. In the opinion of many it is not making the contribution to the spiritual life of the people it ought to be doing. In the judgment of many it is weaker as a spiritual force than it was in pre-union days."

Hitler's bluff was called in his threatened invasion of Czechoslovakia. There can hardly be a doubt that he meant to swallow this little country as he did Austria. But the Czechs put their army on the frontier and the governments of Britain, France and Russia showed their teeth. And Hitler announced that there was nothing further from his mind than the invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Dr. F. F. Brown for seventeen years Dr. J. T. Henderson's pastor writes a beautiful tribute to him on his retirement as secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood. He stresses his sacrificial spirit in keeping his expense account at a minimum, his calling men to their personal responsibility in the Lord's service, his exalting the pastoral office, his magnifying the church and his emphasis on stewardship and tithing. Now that he is retiring Southern Baptists will probably value the service of Dr. Henderson more highly than ever before.

A recent biographer of Darwin tells us that when Darwin's Origin of Species was published in 1859 the Cambridge teacher of Geology who had inspired Darwin's studies warned him that by eliminating moral factors in the development of the race, he had opened the way for a future history which would brutalize man and sink the human race into a lower grade of degradation than that any into which it has fallen since its written records tell us of its history. And now this biographer says that's where we got Hitler et id omne genus.

Dr. David E. Guyton of Blue Mountain was the recipient recently of a medal given by The Brooklyn Week for the Blind. On it was inscribed, "David E. Guyton for Distinguished Achievement, Brooklyn Week for the Blind, May 2, 1938." This is a distinguished honor to our Mississippian, the only one in the South receiving such recognition among five who were chosen because of distinguished service by blind people. Dr. Guyton is a man of many literary accomplishments, and of recognized business ability. His poems have appeared occasionally in the Baptist Record.

Miss Kenka Clara Yoskimoto, a Japanese young woman who had been Kagawa's secretary, died recently in Philadelphia. At the time she was a student in Crozier Seminary.

Mrs. Ned Rice, president of our State W. M. U. Convention, in a kind letter says that the issue of the Record reporting the Conventions in Richmond was worth the year's subscription. Thank you.

Doris Eavenson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. I. D. Eavenson of Cleveland, was operated on at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis May 27. We are glad to report she is making satisfactory recovery.

Pastor W. C. McGill had Evangelist E. D. Estes and C. E. Edwards with him in a meeting at Iuka. The preaching was doctrinal and constructive; the singing spiritual and inspiring.

Notice: If those who hold coupons due June 1st on Baptist Education Commission bonds will send them to R. B. Gunter, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, a check will be forwarded immediately.

We began to read "The Great Awakening," a book by James W. Johnson, thinking it would incite to better living and witnessing. We were disappointed. The author has no clear, convincing evangel. The book is published by Revell and is offered for sale at 75c.

When subscribers change post offices, please notify us. When the post offices notify us, they charge two cents for every notice, plain robbery. This costs us hundreds of dollars every year. Please help us to avoid this expense. And when request is made for change of address, please give both the former address and the future address. This is absolutely necessary.

We editors didn't take very kindly to the spanking which was intended for us before 5,000 onlookers at the Convention. We are just human you know, and somehow prefer it to be "said with flowers" rather than with a hickory limb. Rev. A. J. Miller many years ago told us that when he was pastor at Columbus, Mississippi, the Methodist pastor said to him, "Brother Miller, you know what kind of church members I like? It is the folks that praise my sermons and send me things." "Lay on, McDuff." Maybe you can quote the rest of it, which doesn't sound right in a religious paper.

The dispatches published in last Thursday's papers tell us that Secretary Hull has made vigorous protest to the Japanese government against the destruction of American property or against its occupation by Japanese in China. The million dollar property of Shanghai University is specifically mentioned in the protest. This school is owned and operated jointly by Northern and Southern Baptists. It would seem that the protest which was suggested in the Richmond Convention has gotten a response at least from the state department in Washington. Whether it influences the Japanese will probably depend upon whether or not the state department follows it up vigorously.

We are glad to find ourselves so often in agreement with Dr. V. I. Masters, editor of The Western Recorder. But from one contention of his we must express a difference. This is his desire for the President of the Southern Baptist Convention to appoint all committees. At present the President appoints only three committees, one on Committees (that is to appoint committees), one on Resolutions and one on Boards. Dr. Masters' reason for wishing the President to appoint all committees is that only thus can his "administration" be responsible for what is done. We don't like that word "administration." It is a new word in a Baptist convention and savors of political manipulation. We elect a president to preside, not to run a convention. There has been too much tendency among us to concentrate authority in too few hands. It should be distributed. The president does not have time nor sufficient information to select all committees wisely. He has his hands full. And a committee on committees can give plenty of time to considering the whole body, and in a multitude of counselors there is safety.

Rev. Van H. Hardin who has finished his first year's work in the Southern Baptist Seminary is at home at Calhoun City this summer. He is a splendid preacher and is available for any summer meetings that he can get. Any churches desiring the services of a splendid young man and an earnest and able preacher will pay to get in touch with him.—R. B. Patterson.

The entire first edition of "Youth's Return To Faith" by Dr. Norman W. Cox of the Fifth Ave. Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va., was sold within three months and the publishers, The Judson Press, are now filling their orders from a second edition. The author and the publishers have received scores of unsolicited letters from readers who declare that it helpfully supplies a long and acutely felt need.

We have just closed a very successful young people's revival at Woodville. We had a wonderful crowd of fine young people to attend the services along with a good number of adults. As far as we know, this is the first attempt of a young people's revival that has been made here. We appreciate very much the cooperation on the part of the other churches and resident pastors. We are indebted to brother James O. McNair, pastor of the Baptist church at Downsville, La., and a former student of B. B. I., who so effectively did the preaching. He is a gospel preacher and loves the Lord. The plans for the meeting were made by the young people and we greatly appreciate the interest and untiring efforts. We believe that we will reap rich rewards from our efforts in this service.—T. J. Delaughter.

The First Baptist Church at McComb has Dr. Billy Hewitt as supply pastor until July 15th. Billy, son of Judge and Mrs. F. D. Hewitt, is one of our own boys, and is doing a fine work. Wyatt Hunter comes the middle of July as pastor and we are praying for great things in the kingdom work under his pastorate. The church recently ordained D. L. Blackwelder, superintendent of the city schools, as a deacon. The sermon was preached by Dr. W. W. Blackwelder, of Birmingham, Ala., father of the new deacon. At the conclusion of the service, Dr. Blackwelder, in the good-old fashioned way, had all the deacons stand in line with the new deacon, and members of the church came down, shook hands with all of them, and pledged renewed cooperation in the church program.—H. L. S.

### GREETINGS AND GOOD-BYES TO GRADUATES

You stand today where you have dreamed to stand.

With happy eyes you view your promised land. Beyond the borders of this thrilling day, Adventure and achievement walk your way.

There is no height too steep for you to scale. You scorn to falter and you cannot fail.

Your dearest dreams are certain to come true.

A wreath of laurel waits for each of you.

Greetings, glad hearts, the world is at your feet. Your spirit-drums shall never sound retreat.

We who are waving look to you to lead.

Thank God for you, a better, nobler breed.

We lack your ardent vision and your zeal, Your wills unfettered and your nerves of steel,

Your eyes prophetic and your faith profound.

We shrink, we shudder, we are duped and downed.

We cling to old traditions, empty names.

We fear to feed our debris to the flames.

We hold to husks and teach these as the truth.

I thank the Lord for pioneering youth.

Greetings again and then my best good-byes.

I pin my faith upon your eager eyes.

I have no doubt of where your feet will fare.

Lead on, young life, I'll follow gladly there.

—David E. Guyton,  
Blue Mountain, Miss.



Thursday, June 9, 1938

# THE CALL OF THE REGIONS BEYOND

## Sermon by Robert King Maiden

Text: "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there was a man of Macedonia, standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia and help us." Acts 16:9.

Always Paul moved with his face toward the "Regions Beyond," with his ears open to their call for help. Their lives fully and irrevocably dedicated to Christ and his cause, very quietly, simply and cheaply garbed, traveling light, Paul and Silas walked out of the Syrian Antioch, striking a new trail to the fields visited by Paul some two years before. Like Abram, they went out, not knowing where they were going, beyond a certain point. Living as we now are in a world of confusion, profound discontent, and the maladjustments of a social order, organized around material production and possession, we need to remind ourselves of how simply the supremely great have lived, in what meagerness of material possessions our greatest achievements have been made. Someone has said that we are to be judged, not by the rate at which we travel, but by the meaning of our journey. An age making its journeys mostly on foot, but leaving behind a high type of character and lasting memorials of achievement, may well put to shame our faster and wealthier age.

Paul and Silas were pioneers for the Kingdom of God—path-finders, trail-blazers, "Ambassadors on behalf of Christ," missionaries. They sought and followed divine guidance. They were on the alert for indications as to what and where. They were spiritually sensitive and receptive—en rapport with the infinite. Their spiritual receiver was in tune with the divine transmitter. Arriving eventually, at Troas, they halted and waited for further orders. There Paul had a night-time vision. In great crises in his ministry Paul was vouchsafed visions that decided and heartened him and he was never "disobedient to the heavenly vision." Their next move was made plain and they moved.

This Macedonian who pleaded so eloquently with Paul to "Come over and help us"—who was he? Whom or what did he represent? The vision was in the realm of the supernatural. He was not a man of flesh and blood, but, rather, the personified representative, not of the conscious wants but of the unconscious needs of Macedonia—of Europe, of the world. It is a tragic phase of sin that it so blinds and benumbs that its victim often is made unconscious of his wretched condition and desperate needs. When Paul and his companions—Luke, Silas and Timothy—in answer to the urgent call for help, reached the shores of Europe, their coming was not hailed. No welcoming committee met them. Philippi, where the first gospel seed was sown and the first Christian church founded in Europe, was indifferent to their presence until Paul and Silas were assailed by a mob, "dragged" before the magistrates, flogged, jailed. So it was that with the ruling classes these ambassadors for Christ, these missionaries of the cross, were *persona non grata*, and their gospel was to "The Greeks foolishness." And this, despite their deep, tragic and abiding need. But notwithstanding their difficulties and dangers, these heroic missionaries were planting the seeds of the mightiest revolution Europe has ever known.

The acute problem of the gospel in Paul's day, as in our day, in our land and all lands, was to get behind and beneath the surface, insistent unconscious wants of a people to their deep unconscious needs; to awaken them to a consciousness of a need as deep and vital as life itself, and to bring them to realize that in the gospel, and in the gospel alone, is the answer to their deepest needs.

**The Widening Circle.** Paul's call to Europe and his ministry there were in accord with the divine program. Christ commissioned his disciples to go to the ends of the earth with the gospel of redeeming grace. Jerusalem was the starting point. "And ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth," were

Christ's last words to his disciples before his ascension. The work of the world's evangelization was to go out from Jerusalem in ever widening circles until the good news was heard by the last man in the lowest, darkest corner of the earth. It is interesting to note that the power which had led Europe to the armed conquest of Asia was the first to invite conquest from the spiritual force of which Asia had been the birthplace and cradle.

## An Open Door of Opportunity

Here opportunity is not only knocking at the door of the Kingdom but is opening wide Europe's door to the evangel of the cross. The opening of this door of opportunity for the entrance and conquest of the gospel was providential. As to this, Paul had no doubt. "And when he had seen the vision, straightway we sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel unto them." God opens the way for those who go out to the task he assigns. To the angel of the church in Philadelphia, the crucified, risen and ascended Christ said: "Behold I have set before thee a door opened which none can shut." In his first Corinthian letter, written from Ephesus, Paul says: "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." It is well to remember that doors of opportunity for kingdom extension are always beset with opposers and obstructionists. Paul found it so.

How conditions have changed with respect to closed and open doors of opportunity for world evangelization. The time was not so long ago when Christians, with missionary zeal, were praying God to open the doors of pagan nations to the gospel. Now mission boards are embarrassed, not to say impotent, as they stand before open doors and hear the call: "Come over and help us." Nineteen centuries have passed and yet there are approximately eight hundred millions who have not heard the Good News. The world is far from being evangelized—as yet. "And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they be sent?" And how can they be sent when those on whom the responsibility of sending them rests fail to supply the means? Truly and tragically the fields wave white and perishing, and "the laborers are few." "Lift up your eyes and see."

The call of the Macedonian for help was a confession of moral and spiritual destitution—confession of a need greater and deeper than had been or could be reached and relieved by any human power. At the time there was in Europe the highest civilization and culture in the world. Greek culture permeated and largely dominated the Roman Empire. Athens, steeped in idolatry, was the seat of high learning, the home of philosophy, art and science. But with all this, Athens, Greece and all Europe were in desperate moral and spiritual poverty, "having no hope and without God in the world." We have learned that education, unsanctified, can make one neither virtuous nor happy; that intellectual brilliance may bloom in luxuriance on the grave of moral decay. Sin and sinfulness make a fundamental condition, and are responsible for the deepest need in this human world, which need can be reached and remedied only by the gospel of God's redeeming grace.

The call of the Macedonian was a challenge—a challenge to the power and adequacy of the gospel to heal the soul-hurt and satisfy the soul-hunger. Was the help called for and so desperately needed, to be found in the gospel? Was the Christ Paul was preaching the answer to their deepest craving and sorest need? Could he work deliverance and bring salvation? Was his work morally transforming, spiritually illuminating, heart-satisfying and soul-renewing? Was the gospel dynamic? Could it unfetter from the binding power of sin? Could it blow up the strongholds of Satan? Could it illuminate, emancipate, elevate and ennoble the individual and society? Could it do for Macedonians what most needed to be done, and what they could not do

for themselves? Could it do what science, art and philosophy had so signally failed to do?

There is a definite challenge to Christianity today by current world conditions. Wide over the world is a state of discontent, discord, confusion, conflict, trouble, turmoil, tragedy. Can Christianity change these conditions? Can it deal remedially with a world-wide economic, moral and religious depression? Can it prevent war? Can it deal wisely and adequately with the labor problem and that of unevenly distributed wealth? Can it compose the difference between capital and labor? Can it arrest the ravages of commercial greed and transform Mammon worshippers into God worshippers? Can it save the home? Can it save our civilization? Can it evangelize our great wicked cities, the crime centers, nerve centers and storm centers of our civilization? Who believes that it can? Primitive Christianity faced a greater task than that faced by the Christian forces of the present hour, and with greater zeal, faith and power. The first disciples had little of this world's goods, little of the learning of the schools, no social or political prestige. In this first great venture of the task of evangelizing the world, they broke with the world, broke with Judaism, broke with contemporary ethics, broke with Roman civilization; broke with the current Greek philosophy. How great and glorious their conquest!

Christianity—primitive, pure Christianity—has in it the power of world conquest. But the world cannot be evangelized by a type of Christianity, diluted, devitalized, compromised and played down to the world's level. Christianity can save the world only as it separates and saves itself from the world. It must be definitely and genuinely Christian and not just vaguely and nebulously religious, if it would accept the ringing challenge of the world's distressing conditions. The trouble is—and the shame—that we are feebly and futilely trying to evangelize the world with a devitalized type of Christianity. The cross, shorn of its offense, is shorn of its power.

Paul, Christ's ambassador, joyfully, and without doubt or hesitation, accepted the challenge. He knew what Christ had done for, to and in him, and what he had done and was doing for others. He was "not ashamed of the gospel of Christ," knowing it to be "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." He was fully persuaded as to what it could and would do in and for Europe. The sequel justified his confidence. Europe was revolutionized, transformed. The Roman Empire went down and out under the gospel's conquering might. The deepest need of the Europe of today, for its peace, hope, health and stability, is the same dynamic, life-giving, transforming gospel that Paul carried to it nineteen centuries ago.

When Christ commissioned his disciples to disciple the world, he assigned to them a stupendous and humanly impossible task. For the certain carrying out of his plans, his dependence was upon two things: First, the task was assigned to men in sympathy with his world program—saved men who left all to follow him, men who were a new creation in Christ Jesus, twice born men, men of changed ideals and transformed character, men gratefully conscious of being beneficiaries of a salvation procured for them through the atoning death of Christ. It was upon this that Christ depended—and still depends. Here is found the genesis and basis of the mission spirit. The disciple moves to his mission task in obedience to a spontaneous impulse. Second, "And I will be with you all the time, even to the very end of the world." Christ knew that this promise would not only hearten the missionaries but insure their success.

Christ is still saying, "Go," and the world's need is still saying, "Come." Blessed the man, the woman, the church, standing at attention between the "Go" and the "Come," with ears open, and ready, hearty response to both.

Christianity is essentially and fundamentally a missionary religion. When and where it ceases to be missionary it ceases to be Christian.



# EDITORIALS

## EVERY NEED OF YOURS

Any body who reads the Bible closely is bound to be amazed at the exceeding grace of God and His unfailing mercy toward sinful men. And any body who has had any experience with God must have learned how the things taught in the Word are confirmed in all God's dealings with him.

There is no way to question God's hatred of sin. It is seen wherever you open the Bible. He warns against it, pronounces judgment against it and executes the judgment. But along with all this there is at the same time the revelation of the compassionate heart of God, His yearning over and pleading with the sinner, His offer of pardon, His promise of forgiveness and deliverance. The Old Testament and the New alike are replete with examples of this.

God's love for man costs him heavily. If it were not for His love, He could and would abandon us to our own evil ways and the consequences of them. But His heart cries out for man who has gone into sin. He says of Ephraim, "How can I give thee up?" Where sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly. When man proves untrue to God, "He giveth more grace." He says "Let the wicked forsake his ways, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord who will have mercy on him and unto our God for He will abundantly pardon. For my ways are not your ways, saith the Lord, neither are your thoughts my thoughts; for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts, saith the Lord."

The first chapter of Isaiah is an indictment of Israel for their forsaking God and giving themselves over to iniquity. It is painted in the strongest colors, and they are rebuked in the strongest language. But it is only to offer pardon and restoration to the loving favor of God. His promise is, "Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall become as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land . . . for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it." In other words His word is out and He will make it good.

Some of us, may we not say all of us, have been under the necessity of testing these promises of God. And no soul who has ever taken God at His word has ever found Him to fail. We have found it true, "in returned and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." No man has put God to the test and not found him true.

But even so this is only half the truth. There is forgiveness with Him that He may be feared. But the forgiveness and restoration are only the beginning of what God does for us. In Ephesians Paul says, "In whom we have our redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of His grace"; and then he says, "Which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence." God has just begun with us when we are restored to His loving favor. That is done that he might "make all grace abound unto you, that ye having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto every good work." It is impossible to put more into it, or to ask more of God than that.

And here is Paul's expression of confidence with Christ: "My God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." There is a succession of witnesses from the days of Joshua to our own time who can say with that old soldier, "And behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which Jehovah your God spoke concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, not one thing hath failed thereof."

## WANTED: SIMEON AND ANNA

Do you remember Simeon and Anna? Many do not. They are likely to be overlooked as we rush through the gospel story to get at the works and words of the Lord Jesus. But they had their place and fulfilled their part in the making of the events which are told us in the four evangelists. True only Luke mentions them, but if it had not been for them or some like them, there would have been less to tell in the chapters that followed.

We do not refer to what they said in the temple when the infant Jesus was brought by his mother, but rather to what is said of them, of what they had been doing previously. Of Anna it is said she had been many years a widow and "departed not from the temple worshipping with fastings and supplications night and day." Don't pass that over lightly, "fastings and supplications night and day."

Of Simeon it is said that he "was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him." And when he had taken Jesus in his arms, he said, "Now, Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart according to thy word in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation. It is evident he had been praying for the coming of the Lord, and now his prayer is answered. These two souls fulfilled their missions, appear for a moment here in the temple and pass out of the picture. Their work was done.

What was their work? Quiet, unobserved, they had been spending their time in prayer for the "consolation of Israel," the redemption of Jerusalem. And God answered their praying. If we are to have, as many of us hope and believe we will have, a great spiritual awakening today, it will be because some souls, unknown by the world, maybe undiscovered by the churches, are spending time on their knees in earnest supplication to God for a great tidal wave of revival. Would you like to be one of those? Of course there were in all probability others besides these two. John the Baptist's father and mother were among them. And at last the Lord says, "Fear not, Zacharias; because thy supplication is heard."

## THE EVANGELISTIC NOTE

It is our hope that Southern Baptists have set themselves seriously to the task of evangelism. In this it is the desire of Mississippi Baptists to participate. This we have expressed by resolutions passed in both Conventions. But we must bear in mind that resolutions do not actually do the work, any more than an architect's blue print and specifications build a house. They simply express a purpose and commit us to the undertaking. At last the task must be performed by all of us as individual workmen.

Certainly there is no note that could be sounded to which the hearts of all our people respond so readily as the evangelistic note. It is the original and truly Christian note. It is the one which inspires and correlates every appeal for Christian service. If it is left out, the whole structure of Christian and denominational plans falls apart like a house of cards. Our boards must keep this in mind; all our institutions, our churches and our individual members—not as a theory, but as a working and basic principle of Christian life. If men are not now saved with an everlasting salvation, then Jesus came in vain and died in vain, and our religion has no place in this world.

Above all the evangelistic fires will temper the souls of our people, and will temper the service rendered by all our institutions. Without this our colleges become intellectual icebergs. Without this our orphanage is nothing more than humanitarian philanthropy. Apart from this all our organizational set-up becomes only clanking steel and fruitless noise. If souls are not saved then indeed we need to stop and find ourselves and mend our ways.

It is said that one fourth of our churches report no baptisms in twelve months. This means that we have labored and brought forth the wind.

A church will not continue long if this remains true. And as long as it is true of any church, the responsibility is in some measure on all of us. If one limb on a tree is dead, we need to examine it all the way down to the roots. Our neighbor is the one who is in need. And we are neighborly if we meet that need.

## REALISM VS. IDEALISM

These two words realism and idealism are conspicuous today in news stories and comments about international dealings. The ideas are not new, and they represent a conflict which has gone on in the hearts of men ever since they began dealing with social complications. Sometimes one conception is dominant, and sometimes the other. When President Wilson was in the White House, idealism was in the ascendancy. Today practical politics is in the saddle. But whichever is for the moment triumphant, the other is only biding its opportunity.

The world saw an exhibition of the conflict between the two in the differences between Eden and Chamberlain as to the attitude Great Britain should assume in the game of world politics. The conflict was only more acute in that particular instance but it goes on all the time. Like Esau and Jacob they are continually struggling for the mastery in the matrix of men's consciences.

A United States Senator once said that the political arena was no place for the ten commandments. Another expression of this conception of life is in the proverb, "All things are fair in love and war." And when you come to study about it, love and war cover about all there is in life. Another proverb of the same sort is, "When you are in Rome you have to do as Rome does." The oft used excuse for conduct that cannot be justified on purely moral grounds is that "everybody's doing it," which puts some easy going consciences sound asleep.

It can hardly be a question in anybody's mind as to which of these ideals, realism or idealism, will stand the test of time and eternity. It resolves itself into a conflict between what is right and what is expedient, and a working conscience is not long in passing on it when thus stated. The judgment of the centuries is against any compromise with wrong doing. And God is the God of the ages. The desire to "get by," the willingness merely to save face, to meet an emergency by concession to wrong will return to curse the man or nation that yields to expediency.

God has but one standard of right, and that is absolute holiness, to be like God, to do as He does. His "judgments are true and righteous altogether." From the first giving of the law it was announced, "Ye shall be holy for I the Lord thy God am holy," or as in one place "even as the Lord thy God is holy." Truth and righteousness know no compromise.

It is true that in many cases the Roman Catholic church has pursued a policy of adaptation. They have compromised with the heathen people who professed conversion, adopting many of their customs and embodying their ceremonies. But this is only in line with their often acknowledged policy that the end justifies the means. Some Englishman, not a Baptist, has said that many a hammer has been broken on the anvil of the Baptist conscience.

There have been times when it was impracticable to bring men's conduct up to God's standard, but the witness to the truth has never been hushed. Jesus refers to such a case when he said that Moses suffered a man to divorce his wife by giving her a certificate as to the cause of the divorce. But he said that from the beginning it was not so. The same can be said of polygamy, of slavery and possibly other social short comings. But God's standards have never varied, and His ideals for men's conduct have not been lowered. Idealism is the only permanent realism. All else is temporary and false. It will not stand the test of time and will not fail to provoke the judgment of God. This applies alike to the conduct of nations and of individuals.



Pastor Avery is this week preaching in a meeting in Highland Church, Meridian.

S. L. Stealey goes from South Richmond, Va., to the pastorate of First Church, Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. C. Z. Holland of Canton is this week assisting Pastor Polk in a meeting at Port Gibson. There were 50 boys left Jackson Tuesday morning for the R.A. Camp at Castalian Springs, twenty of them from the Orphanage.

It is said that Germany has reduced road accidents 80 per cent by excluding pedestrians and bicyclists from the highways. Wonder if they've taken to the plowed ground.

It is said that all overseas visitors to the Baptist World Alliance next year will be entertained in the homes of the people in Atlanta. One Catholic man has offered to take ten.

Next week we expect to publish a letter from Missionary Harris in Kaifeng, China, written early in May. Just a month after it was written the daily papers report that city occupied by the Japanese troops.

WPA Administrator Hopkins says that one out of seven of all the people in the United States is on relief. What's the matter with having these people out on a farm raising turnips, potatoes and cabbages?

Among those who won prizes for declamation at Mississippi College commencement were Messrs McGinnis and Coleman who were given medals for extempore debate; McGinnis also the senior medal for oratory; Sullivan the junior medal for oratory.

Dr. Emory W. Hunt passed away recently at the age of 76. He had been president of Denison and Buckwell Universities, pastor at Newton Center, Mass., president of the Northern Baptist Convention, and secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

Following the week of intensive training for Sunday school workers, Brookhaven First Church Sunday school got into their new education building Sunday. An evangelistic meeting was begun and continues through this week with Rev. L. W. Ferrell of Jackson preaching.

Editor Alley of the Religious Herald asks that those who opposed the plan of the Executive Committee to hinder designated gifts, explain their opposition, since he sees nothing in their report that would hinder them. Beloved they explained their objections to the committee and that is the reason the proposed limitation was removed from the report.

The daily papers tell us that the Japanese government in Tokyo has promised reparations done to Baptist mission property in Japan, and the return of the property to the missionaries.

Do you pray daily for the work of our Christian forces in China? They need the comfort and strength which your help may provide. And the people are turning to the Lord in this hour of sorrow.

If you do not have and follow the prayer calendar made for us by the W. M. U. you may make one of your own. Prayer changes things, and always for the better. You have the mightiest instrument of power the world knows anything about. What are you doing with it? Today is the day of opportunity in intercession. May the Lord open our eyes.

When a resolution was introduced into the Southern Baptist Convention authorizing the appointment of a committee to consider interdenominational fellowship, a point of order was raised that the Convention is not an ecclesiastical body and did not have this matter within its province. President Sampey, as we understood did not wish to rule on the point and because he believed the matter could and would be quickly disposed of by a vote, asked that a vote be taken, which was done and the resolution voted down. As we see it the president's position was virtually a ruling that the resolution was in order. But perhaps we shall have to face this or a similar matter in the future. And our people would do well to think it through and decide whether or not the Convention has a right to commit the churches to a program of this kind.

## LET'S GO

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

"Ask the People and They'll Subscribe"



REV. B. T. BISHOP  
Ruth, Miss.

### THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING

Recently brother B. T. Bishop invited us to present the EVERY MEMBER plan at Ruth where members from his six churches were present. In just six weeks all six had adopted it.

Wanting more actual proof that the EVERY FAMILY plan does help we asked him to tell us what it has done. His letter follows:

Ruth, Miss.

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

Here is a brief statement concerning how we put the Baptist Record in every home in our churches.

My people were not taking the Baptist Record. Naturally, these folks knew but little about the work of State and Southern Baptists. The needs of the kingdom were going unnoticed by a vast majority of these children of God because they were not as well informed as they have proven they wanted to be.

We have the general topics discussed in the Baptist Record and they were anxious to know more about the work at home and abroad. Then we explained the plan presented to us by Rev. A. L. Goodrich and the superintendents of the Sunday schools are now financing the Record through increased offerings by all classes. It is working in every church so far.

The results from reading the Record are encouraging. I shall mention one thing that we have done for missions during the time the Record has been coming to our families. We have given more to missions and local expenses in two months of Record reading than we gave in two years before we had the Record. So thanks to the Record for its information and inspiration.

Yours truly,

B. T. Bishop.

What this pastor of this field of churches has done could be done by dozens of others. Just try it and see for yourself.

### BATESVILLE

Dr. J. W. Lee has been pastor of this good church for 10! these many years and according to one of his former members has grown with the years. Certainly he is one of the youngest old men we have ever met.

The congregations are good, the organizations doing fine work and a healthy spirit abounds.

For years Pastor Lee has had more than one-half his people taking the Baptist Record.

Record subscribers in Panola County are listed

below: Pleasant Grove 7; BATESVILLE 50; Como 7; Liberty Hill 9; CRENSHAW 12; Courtland 7; HEBRON CHURCH 16; LIBERTY Hill 13; Pope 21; SARDIS CHURCH 87; R. F. D. Sardis 3.

### NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE

One of the liveliest pastors' conference we have ever seen is the Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference. The fellowship was fine; the program good and it ran on time.

The presentation of the Cooperative Program by Dr. F. M. Purser was done in an able and challenging way.

Rev. H. J. Rushing warmed the hearts of all his hearers with a stirring sermon on "The Cross."

Biblical expositions were given by several brethren showing that they knew how to "rightly divide the word."

### IN LAST WEEK'S ISSUE

Gooden Lake has a good report; Philadelphia had best financial report in years, receipts ahead of budget; Ackerman reports increased attendance and work progressing; Chalybeate hitting on all cylinders.

All the above have the EVERY FAMILY plan. It must be a help.

### SHE LIKES THE RECORD

The paper grows better and better all the time, and I'm so lost without it. It and radio sermons and Sunday school lessons keep me in good spirits when I have to miss church. Dr. J. L. Hill is so fine and my! Dr. Bracey Campbell is simply grand in his Sunday school write-up.

The editorial page is so fine and so interesting to look over; also the new and renewal subscription list. I love to see people interested in "The Record." Surely God is behind and for the paper.

Mrs. Mattie L. Nicholson,  
Union, Miss., Route 4, Box 13.

### IT DOES HELP

Union, Miss.,

Since the church has been sending the Record to every family the pastor has baptized more than he had for several months before. It is a pleasure to preach to a church that is informed about our work.

Montie A. Davis

Just a note of thanks to the members of Pine Grove Church for their loyal support in making possible the adoption of the EVERY FAMILY plan. Hoping that you will be greatly benefitted by our Baptist paper.—M. Glenn Smith, Pastor.

### THANK YOU FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS SENT IN:

Mr. C. H. Ryan, Kewanee; Mr. R. N. Reeves, Route 2, Meridian; Mrs. Chas. T. Brasfield, Natchez; Rev. M. Glen Smith, for Pine Grove Church; Goodman Baptist Church, Goodman; Byhalia Baptist Church, Marshall County; Centreville Baptist Church, Wilkinson County; Longview Baptist Church, Pontotoc County; Dr. T. W. Young, Corinth; Mrs. B. C. Cox, Gulfport; Rev. R. B. Patterson, Okolona; Mrs. O. O. Austin, Harpersville; Mr. A. G. Williams; Mrs. Clarence Smith, Pontotoc.

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Rev. Jno. A. Moore of Tupelo, recently appointed by the Foreign Mission Board for service in Rumania, is this week giving a series of talks to the R.A. Camp of boys at Castalian Springs near Durant. He expects to sail for his new post this summer.

Following attendance upon the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Va., which he "covered" for the Times-Picayune of New Orleans, Prof. E. O. Sellers started for the west. He has engagements in El Paso, Gallup and Albuquerque, also a Sunday night service in the Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles. While in California he will attend the International Rotary convention to be held in San Francisco.



# SPURGEON AND THE OPEN BOOK

By Rev. A. Cunningham-Burley

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"The fires of the Great Sun are not dying. They are lighting up the regions that are still under the shadows of night and death, and the Bible will shine on as the world's one book."—Sir Wm. Robertson Nicoll, L.L.D.

Spurgeon was at his best when singing the praises of Holy Scripture. He could never refer to the Bible without indulging in a spirit of exulting gritudes. Sixty of his printed sermons are definitely devoted to the incomparable splendors of the Immortal Book.

With the circulation of the Scriptures, Mr. Spurgeon was in entire sympathy. It was a joy to him to appear on the platform of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Several of his stirring addresses delivered on those happy occasions have been preserved in printed form.

With the criticism of the Bible, Spurgeon had no patience. He knew (what many others have discovered since) that "Biblical Criticism" is an ever shifting process. Today's results are tomorrow's repudiations. Theories accepted as safe axioms are speedily regarded as preposterous delusions. The impudent insistence of the "Higher Criticism" which assumes what it cannot prove, did much to embitter Spurgeon's last days. To the critics he said: "Would you have a Bible made according to your own mind,—a brand new Bible? It would have to be once a week, for your mind changes so often that it would need constantly to be revised in order to be according to your mind! And shall God be allowed to speak only such things as you would have Him say? Are you to be master of His voice and lord even of the inspired Word? This is madness! It is not for us to say what the Bible ought to be, but to find out what the Bible really is and then meekly to bow before it as the revelation of the Most High."

In this Spurgeon was not alone. His great neighbor, Dr. Joseph Parker had some outspoken things to say on the same subject: "To me the Bible is a Divine revelation of God, Providence Sin, Atonement, Immortality. The Bible is not a book containing a revelation; it is a revelation accepting the limits and risks of a book. This Book claims to speak to men in the name of the Eternal and the proof of its inspiration and authority is in itself, as the light of mid-day proves the existence of the sun."

A careful study of Mr. Spurgeon's convictions concerning Holy Writ will reveal four fundamental things:

1. He believed implicitly in the Inspiration of the Bible.
2. He rested entirely on the Infallibility of the Bible.
3. He rejoiced exceedingly in the Immutability of the Bible.
4. He pleaded earnestly for a greater Interest in the Bible.

Let his own words be sufficient to illustrate this thrillingly interesting attitude towards the Bible with which he had such a deep and thorough familiarity.

1.

Spurgeon implicitly believed in the Inspiration of the Word of God. "If you would keep your faith, settle it in your minds that the Holy Scriptures are inspired of the Holy Ghost. If you give up that foundation you cannot exhibit faith worthy of the name. If you once give up inspiration, the foundations are removed and all building is laborious trifling. How can the promises support our faith if they are themselves questionable? I want absolute certainties and unquestionable verities to bear me up when death's cold flood is rising up to my loins. Divine truths as they are written in the Book and brought home to the heart by the Holy Ghost are the only sure standing ground for our faith."

"I can never doubt the doctrine of the plenary verbal inspiration of the Bible, since I so constantly see, in actual practice, how the very language of God's Word has been blessed to the souls of men. It is not our word but God's word

that is effectual to the salvation of our hearers. There is a Divine charm, a mystic power about the very words of the Bible. Blessed be God, we do believe in His Book. We cannot, we will not, give up a jot or tittle of it,—the dot of an i or the cross of a t."

2.

Spurgeon entirely rested on the Infallibility of the Bible. "Brethren" he cries, "do you accept the Word of God as infallible? To receive the Bible as a revelation from God, true, sure, infallible, so as to risk your whole soul upon it, and to feel that there is no risk,—this is to receive the Gospel in truth. Are we then infallible? No, the Book is. Do we infallibly understand the book? No, but the Spirit of God will teach us what He himself means, so that we are able to say 'The word of God has proved its infallibility in my soul beyond all question. It is woven into my experience. It has stamped itself on my consciousness.' This is the revelation of God and I will die sooner than I will ever permit a doubt to be cast upon it."

"The only safe course for a thoughtful man is to accept the Scriptures as infallible truth. There is our anchorage. Every mind needs a fixed point; every man must have infallibility somewhere. My infallible guide is Holy Scripture. I know of no other anchorage. Some find it in the Pope; but I frankly confess that I have never seen the slightest sign of it there! Some find it in what they call 'The Church.' I am sure I do not know in which church to look for it, for all of them seem to me very, very fallible. My infallible guide is Holy Scripture. Here is a harbor where I can drop down my anchor feeling certain that it will hold. Here is a place where I can find sure footing; and by the grace of God, from this confidence I shall never be moved. Oh what a blessed thing it is to feel that you have Scripture at your back. You know how you take one another's word and trust to it. When you get a note of hand from a good tradesman, you do not mistrust it. Then why mistrust the infallible Word of God? Either the book is a lie or else our faith is fully warranted and our peace is perfectly justified."

3.

Spurgeon exceedingly rejoiced in the Immutability of the Bible. Hear him exultingly saying: "Forever O Lord thy word is settled in heaven, (Psalm 119:89) God's word can never change. It is established. It comes from heaven, the seat of God's government and it cannot be altered on earth,—this distant colony of His empire. God's word is immutable, indestructible. It is not fixed on earth where things are ever on the move, but it is settled in heaven amongst the infinities and eternities that change not. Fall back, oh simple hearts upon this blessed fact,—that God's Word is settled in heaven. It cannot be settled at Oxford; or settled at Cambridge, or at any other university; but it is settled in heaven. Go to heaven's Book and read heaven's Word under the teaching of heaven's own Spirit and you shall have an authority from which there can be no appeal."

Henry Ward Beecher was of the same mind as Spurgeon concerning the indestructibility of the Bible. Here are his words: "The Bible is the flaming Book which men fear will be destroyed. All theories respecting the history and structure of the Bible may be disputed; but there it is, a Book whose fruits rise higher, smell sweeter, taste more flavorsome, inspire more health, than any or all others that have been produced upon the plane of life."

4.

Small wonder that Spurgeon pleaded for a deeper interest in the Bible. He repeatedly urged his congregation to be Bible loving people. "Go to God in prayer, believing in His word and in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Author of the Bible is prepared to teach you concerning the things which are written in this Book. When you ask for wisdom, believe that the Holy Spirit is able to enlighten you and is willing to instruct you especially concerning the things which may now be perplexing you."

"The Bible is a dull book to a person who has no part or lot in it. There is no dried reading in all the world than the reading of a will in which one has no interest; but there is nothing that would interest you more than listening to the will of your old uncle, in which he had left you a large fortune. You would lean forward lest you should lose any of it and you would think that you had never heard a more eloquent discourse than that. When a man gets to know what God has written for him in this blessed Book which contains His will, every word will be music to him."

"You cannot be holy, my brethren, unless you do in secret live upon the blessed Word of God, and you will not live on it unless it comes to you as the sacred word of His mouth. It is very sweet to get a letter from home when you are far away. It is like a bunch of fresh flowers in winter time. A letter from the dear one at home is as music heard over the water: but half-a-dozen words from the dear mouth are better than a score pages of manuscript, for there is a sweetness about the look and tone which paper cannot carry. Now I want you to get the Bible to be not a book only, but a speaking trumpet, through which God speaks from afar to you, so that you may catch the very tones of His voice. You must read the Word of God to this end, for it is while reading, meditating, and studying, and seeking to dip yourself into its spirit, that it seems suddenly to change from a written book into a talking book or phonograph; it whispers to you or thunders at you as though God had hidden Himself among its leaves and spoke to your condition; as though Jesus who feedeth among the lilies, had made the chapter to be lily beds, and had come to feed there. Ask Jesus to cause His Word to come fresh from His own mouth to your soul; and if it be so, and you thus live in daily communion with a personal Christ, you will then with your feet take hold upon His steps; then will you keep His way; then will you never decline to go back from His commandments, but you will make good speed in your pilgrim way to the eternal city."

All this may sound desperately puritanical, and hopelessly old-fashioned in days when we are being unblushingly told that the Bible can no longer be used as our fathers used it and it cannot be appealed to as an unquestionable authority.

Yet one is profoundly convinced that Biblical inspiration, immutability and infallibility were names for something very real and something most essential to the effective maintenance of the Christian church and the Christian faith. Men like Mr. Spurgeon did not believe in the authority and inerrancy of Holy Scripture for nothing. To them, the Bible was in the fullest and plainest sense the Word of the living God speaking with a Divine voice, authoritatively and finally. And apart from all others, Spurgeon alone is sufficient proof of the strength and freshness which a believing acquaintance with the Bible can give. His sermons never grew thin because they were bathed in a Biblical element from first to last. Those matchless discourses are still being read with avidity. They are outliving the man who preached them because, in a sense they were before the preacher.

This simple-hearted love for the Bible must somehow be recaptured. The Bible as Spurgeon understood and preached it, is more and more wanted amidst the provocations, confusions and frustrations that prevail in the world today. We are out of touch with God and His Word and universal strife is the penalty. Only as we recover possession of the Bible shall we be made wise, strong and unafraid. For the guidance and salvation of the children of men, the Word of God is without a rival, and promises to remain so.

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President Lawrence T. Lowrey announced today that more than fifty-five per cent of the Blue Mountain College seniors for the present session have already secured bonafide positions, and that there appears to be no question but that every graduate who wants a position will have one this year.



# Mississippi Baptist Assembly

## July 3-8, 1938



DR. J. D. GREY  
New Orleans, Louisiana



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Cincinnati, Ohio



MISS KATHLEEN MALLORY  
Birmingham, Alabama



DR. W. E. DENHAM  
St. Louis, Missouri



MISS MARGARET FROST  
Nashville, Tennessee

### DAILY SCHEDULE

First Meal Served Sunday Evening, July 3rd.  
First Service, Sunday Evening, July 3rd.

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### MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

6:30—Morning Watch  
7:00—Breakfast  
8:15—Sunday School Conferences, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s.  
9:00—Training Union Conferences  
9:00—W.M.S. Mission Study—Miss Kathleen Mallory  
9:45—Pastors' and Laymen's Conference—Dr. J. D. Grey and others directing  
9:45—Open Forum—Mrs. Jessie Burrall Eubank  
10:30—Recess  
10:45—Music—John A. Farmer, directing  
10:50—Bible Hour—Dr. W. E. Denham  
11:40—Music  
11:45—Special Feature

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### AFTERNOON

The afternoons will be given to recreation: golf, swimming, tennis, horse shoes, croquet, etc.

### EVENING

5:45—Supper  
6:45—Sunset Service On The Campus—Dr. W. E. Denham  
7:30—Dismiss To Assemble In Auditorium  
7:40—Music—John A. Farmer, directing  
8:00—Address—Mrs. Jessie Burrall Eubank  
8:30—Music  
8:35—Closing Address—Dr. J. D. Grey

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"SPECIAL FEATURE" PERIOD WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY—Sunday School, Miss Margaret Frost, Nashville  
TUESDAY—Training Union  
WEDNESDAY—W.M.U., Miss Kathleen Mallory, Birmingham  
THURSDAY—Missionary, Miss Juanita Byrd, Mt. Olive  
FRIDAY—Business Session

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### RATES:

Five dollars each in groups of ten or more from the same church or community. For less than ten, \$6.25 for the full time; \$1.50 for a single day.

Children under ten, half fare.

Each guest brings sheets, towels, pillows, pillow cases, soap, etc.

MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE WILL ENTERTAIN RESIDENT MISSISSIPPI PASTORS WITH ROOM AND BOARD WITHOUT CHARGE DURING THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSEMBLY, JULY 3-8

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### NOTICE

Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence is calling for the loan of copies of "Cuba for Christ" to be used at the Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp. This book is out of print and Miss Mildred Matthews, president of Cuba W.M.U., is planning to teach it at Ridgecrest June 21-30.

If you have a copy, please mail it to Miss Mildred Matthews, Ridgecrest, N. C. The book will be returned to you, if your name and address is written on the book.

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### RIDGECREST Y.W.A. CAMP Golden Jubilee Year

"Living Up to Our High Heritage" is a challenging theme to all young women. Truly, "Rich is our past but richer the anticipation of the future." Our young women constitute our "capital investment" in the future! How I long for each Y.W.A. organization to have at least one representative attend this camp. The enclosed folder will answer many questions concerning plans. You have already received one communication which gave you many details about the trip.

We have planned an interesting sight seeing trip both going and coming. Will be leaving Jackson at 2 p. m. Saturday afternoon, June 18. All girls will be expected to come to W.M.U. Headquarters between 12:30 and 1:30 of that day to register, pay fees and secure final instructions about leaving. We will be traveling Highway 80 and spending the night in Meridian, leaving there for Birmingham at 6:30 Sunday morning.

Expenses: When you join the bus we will collect the money for transportation, registration fee, and room and board at Ridgecrest—this total will possibly be \$32.00, not more than \$33.00. Then the expense en route is whatever a girl makes it, special hotel rates at 75¢ per night have been arranged—we will have three nights (two going and one returning) making total lodging \$2.25.

We have a most comfortable Tri-State bus chartered and splendid driver! (The one that went with us last year). The bus is used while we are at Ridgecrest for sight-seeing without extra charge.

If you want a place on the bus send \$2.00 (registration fee) immediately.

Edwina Robinson,  
Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

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### PRETTY TEA GIVEN FOR W.M.U.

Members of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist Church were complimented with a pretty tea Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the Baptist Annex when they were honored by the five branches of the young people of the Missionary Society. The tea was given in celebration of Golden Jubilee week, observed throughout the South this week.

The decorations were most lovely. Golden flowers—nasturtiums, cosmos, and trumpet-shaped day lilies—were used profusely. On the piano, a bowl of lilies and cosmos formed a centerpiece, flanked by golden candles in crystal holders. Low bowls of nasturtiums were used in various places, and around the windows, lilies, entwined with ivy, were arranged. On the punch table, the punch bowl was set in a mass of lilies and ivy.

As the guests arrived, they were greeted by Misses Shirley Perry, Frances Byrd, Annabelle Koonce, and Nancy Grant, who pinned on each guest a golden bell. Mrs. C. D. Williams, the young people's leader, and three organizations of the young people, namely, the Girls' Auxiliary,

the Sunbeams, and the Royal Ambassadors, made up the receiving line. Mrs. Williams was striking in a frock of blue marquisette, fashioned with a v-neck edged in blue lace, and lace insertions in the full skirt.

Presiding at the punch bowl and serving wafers were several members of the Young Women's Auxiliary—Miss Martha Lynn Brame, in pink dotted swiss; Miss Mary Alice Gooch, wearing blue marquisette trimmed with blue taffeta; Miss Dorothy Byrd, dressed in blue embroidered net worn with a short matching jacket, Miss Rubye Nell Gooch, in ecru lace; Mrs. A. O. Spain, in white organdy embroidered in red with red taffeta bows; and Miss Louise McGinty, wearing pink crepe trimmed with blue ribbons.

During the afternoon, Mrs. E. L. Byrd, in navy printed crepe, rendered an enjoyable musical program at the piano.

Dr. Webb Brame, pastor of the church, was an honor guest at the affair.

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An interesting personal letter from our mutual friend, Miss Minnie Landrum, that I am sharing with our readers:

My dear Miss Traylor:

What do you think of me as a correspondent? Don't you think that I am the world's worst? I guess you will have to blame my seeming neglect on the detail work that comes up in W. M. U. headquarters. You know how it is because you do the same kind of work.

From the middle of January to the last of March I gave every afternoon to Waldemira Almeida. She came to the office and I used the Window of Y.W.A., Royal Service, Golden Jubilee Manual, Year Book and other W.M.U. literature as her text books for English lessons. I wanted her to become familiar with W. M. U. terms and acquainted with the leaders. She certainly should recognize your's and Edwina's names because I told her a lot about you. I hope she will represent South America well at the Convention. She knows a whole lot more than she lets be known. She left on the 2nd of April and will land in New Orleans about the 20th. I have written to ask about her spending the two weeks between her arrival and the Convention at B. B. I. In that way she can become more or less accustomed to the American ways of doing things.

How was the Convention at New Albany? I read about the plans in the Baptist Record and it made me have "saudades" of my Mississippi friends. I certainly hope everything went off in a fine way. My office girl and I remembered you in our morning devotions last week. I know you had a treat in having Mrs. Cox with you. She is such a charming speaker. Is her book ready yet? I am sure she did the work well.

I congratulate you upon having secured Miss Jane Pinnix as field worker. I know you have a jewel in her. I had such a lovely visit in the home of her sister in Cleveland. I enjoyed Jane's article that came out in a recent number of the Baptist Record.

We were glad to welcome Mrs. Appleby, David, Mr. and Mrs. Harrington back. They are all in Bello Horizonte. They are to be located up there this time. You know that is where little David was born and his father was buried there, so of course those are sacred spots around there for them. We were so grieved last Friday when we received a message saying that the truck that had been engaged to carry all their baggage—28 trunks, boxes and suit-cases, was burned within sight of Bello Horizonte. They lost everything. The truck was carrying some inflammable flit and

that seems to be what caused the explosion. I have not heard the particulars yet. I had a letter from Mrs. Appleby this morning and she told me about how sorry they were. She lost so many things that can never be replaced, such as Mr. Appleby's watch, his ring, books that he had autographed and given her, all letters that she had received from him, and ever so many gifts from friends in the homeland. I surely do feel sorry for them. I don't know what the company will do but it certainly should be responsible. They were not supposed to have had the flit on there.

I have been working on our Year-book, Children's Day program and special program for our 30th anniversary, 23rd of June. I hope to get them mailed out this week. We are asking the societies to make a special love offering on the 23rd and it will be used for our Training Schools.

We received our gift for the W.M.U. work last week. We got a good exchange for it and I see two institutes for field-workers, a nationwide study course following our annual meeting in January, about 25 or 30 field workers during the holidays, three new books and several new tracts. Also a small part of this will be put aside for the Good Will Center that I hope to start as soon as I get enough together to rent or buy a building. We are so grateful for this gift and I especially wish to thank the Mississippi women for the part they had in the Lottie Moon offering. I think it was wonderful again how the union went so far over the goal.

It is very warm here still. I think I have had my share of hot weather—two summers in succession so I shall doubly welcome cooler days. I suppose my clothes will, too, because I have used my summer dresses nearly a year now. I can't realize that I have been back seven months, but I have.

I am living with the Allens again. They have had a time getting everything fixed up. They have been working at it two months and still lack getting the guest room in order, hanging their pictures and putting up the curtains. I am in hopes everything will soon be ready. I think they undertook too many different things at the same time. School began soon after they got here and it is hard for one to move and teach school at the same time.

Lots of love to you, Nettie Ree, Edwina and Jane, as well as all the other people that I know. I think of all of you very often and am always grateful for the visits that I had with you last year.

Lovingly and sincerely, I am your friend,  
Minnie Landrum.

—BR—

Sunday school attendance in Germany is said to have decreased 50%.

There were 89 in the graduating class of Mississippi College this year, about one tenth of them young women. The exercises were in front of the chapel building under the trees of the campus, at 5:30 in the afternoon. The march was quite imposing as faculty and members of the senior class marched to their places. A very large congregation assembled in honor of the occasion, many coming from far distances to witness the graduation of their friends or members of their family. The music was by the college band and was of the best. The rendering of a number of Scottish airs in one number was particularly pleasing, closing with "Auld Lang Syne." President Nelson spoke briefly and confidently of those who go out with good preparation to meet life's duties. There was a fine group of ministerial students among those graduating,



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## THE APOSTOLIC SPIRIT

By W. J. Robinson, A.M., D.D.

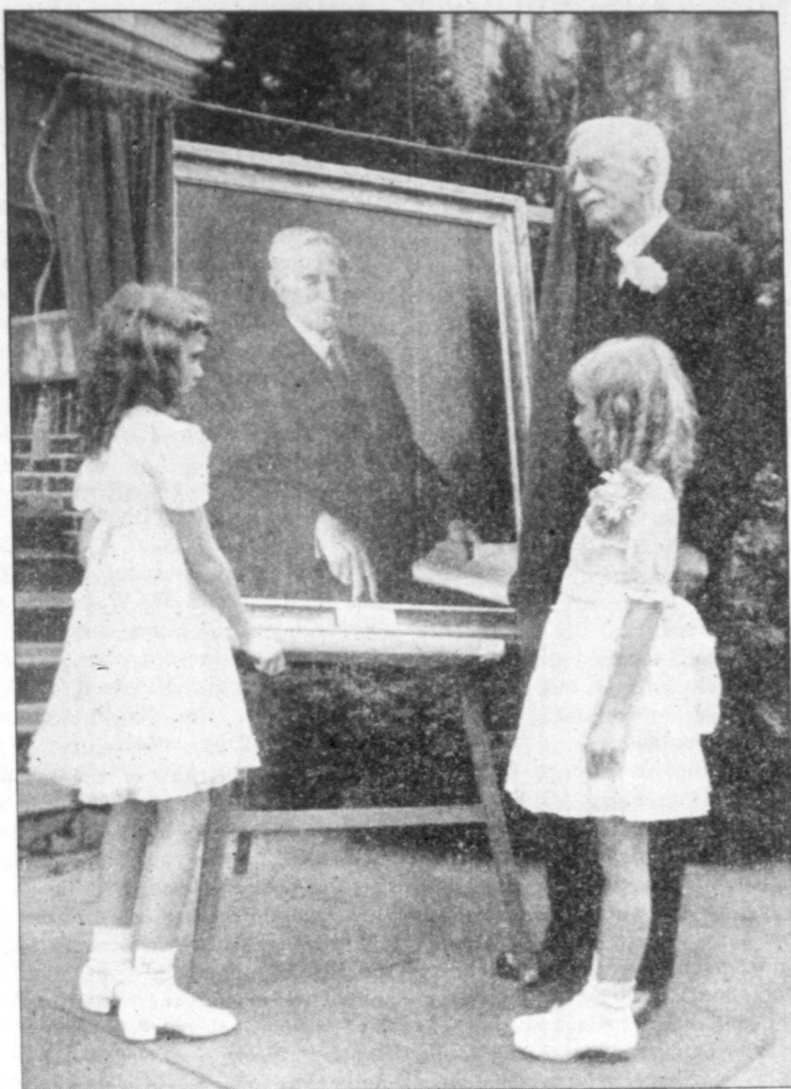
The importance you attach to your task will determine the energy you will spend on it. If you regard it lightly you will neglect it. Why spend zeal on trifles? Wise men usually undertake tasks that challenge their ability. Why use machine guns to kill sparrows? Men of energy, definite purpose and concentration are the ones who accomplish astounding things.

"And they departed from the presence of the council rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name" (Acts 5:41). Peter and his companions had been preaching with compelling earnestness that Jesus Christ, recently crucified and risen from the dead, was truly the Son of God, and the long promised Redeemer. Miracles attested what they said, but the men in power forbade them to continue their labor. They were arrested and brought before the council.

When arraigned, and rebuked sharply, and again forbidden to preach their doctrines Peter, speaking for himself and those with him said: "We ought to obey God rather than man," and vigorously preached Jesus to the council. "When they heard that (his message) they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them." Gamabail, a doctor of the law, gave wise counsel against their murderous act. "And when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus and let them go" (Acts 5:40).

Note what they did. "And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his sake. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (Acts 5:41-42).

We need teachers and preachers with such courage today. In our land no man will be cast into prison by the civil officers for preaching Jesus. Thugs may in some instances maltreat good ministers of Jesus Christ. Nevertheless there are multitudes who will not endure sound doctrine. Paul charged Timothy say-



W. T. LOWREY, D.D., LL.D.

W. T. Lowrey, Clinton, twenty-seven years president of Blue Mountain College, viewing the portrait of himself, presented the college by the class of 1917 at the meeting of the National Student-Alumnae Association in May. His granddaughters, shown in the picture, unveiled the portrait. They are June Lowrey and Anne Buchanan.—From Blue Mountain College, Miss Tom Womack, Sec.

ing: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall heap unto themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (II Tim. 4:2-4).

Surely this prophesy is being fulfilled in our land today. Discord, turbulence, murder, drunkenness, robbery, licentiousness; yes, immorality and crime of every kind and degree are brazen and ruthless in every part of our proud nation today. In many instances churches have members, whose corruption is a stench throughout the community, holding office and publicly officiating in service. God's displeasure has been manifested in no uncertain manner in floods, droughts and otherwise for some years, but still people are rushing on deeper and deeper into shame as the days speak on. Our nation is writhing in distress, and reveling in unblushing shame, and the end is not yet! Oh, Lord how long

Our imperative need today is ministers who know God's word, believe it, live it, and preach it with apostolic earnestness and fearlessness. I do not mean to encourage tirade or abuse. Such conduct is out of place in a pulpit.

Paul said, "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel

of God." I once had a very eminent specialist examine my eyes for glasses. He prescribed bifocal lenses. I said "Doctor I do not want them." He replied with firmness: "Young man, I am the doctor and you are the patient. I have given you a very careful examination, and I am honor bound to prescribe what my judgment dictates. You do as you please about having the prescription filled." With my pride very much wounded I left his office muttering. But after hesitating quite a while I yielded. And have never ceased to thank him for his firmness.

No man has any business in the pulpit unless he has the martyr spirit. The deplorably worldly condition prevailing in most churches today; and the lamentable condition in our nation is largely chargeable to the fact that many ministers have failed to "declare all the counsel of God." Paul said, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men." It often takes courage of the highest order to do that. It sometimes costs heavily.

Preachers with the martyr spirit, and they alone are true ministers, will preach so as to put the fear of God into the hearts of men, and in turn abundant joy in the Lord

## CHURCHES WILL NOT BURN

However the fact that churches will not burn does not keep them from suffering loss on their buildings by fire. Southern Mutual Church Insurance Company furnishes protection against this kind of loss. Write J. K. Hair, Secretary, Columbia, S. C.

will result. Men must be made to feel the sinfulness of sin, the certainty of penalty, come to fear the pangs of hell, and realize the riches of God's grace or they will never likely turn from sin, and to the one who alone is mighty and willing to save. Deep conviction of sin must precede one's becoming a great Christian. Nothing else than this kind of preaching and teaching can turn back the ever rising tide of ruin that is wrecking our nation.

Kansas City, Mo.

—BR—

The Chicago Baptist Association recently refused to admit into its membership churches called Baptist which receive people without being immersed. The Biblical Recorder commenting on this says: "Thus the association saved its own soul. Clearly a church which receives baptized and unbaptized is no longer a Baptist church. Why then should such churches at the time of meetings of associations and conventions desire to be accounted Baptist churches and to have a part in the councils of churches that are Baptist churches? If they must be members of an association, let them organize one of their own. Apostate churches have no right to fellowship with churches which are true to the faith of the fathers, and if admitted to such fellowship would drag all down to their own level. The Chicago Baptist Association is to be praised for its loyalty."

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The Biblical Record has this to say about designated gifts: "In general we do not favor designated gifts; we think it better to give in fellowship with the brethren through the Cooperative Program. But if any one wants to make a designated gift, we believe that he should have the right to make it. His intention should not be nullified by any manipulation of the distribution of funds. No amount of argument can convince us that such a practice is not essentially immoral, and more in keeping with Jesuit casuistry than with Baptist honesty."

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A political speaker, warning the public against the imposition of heavier tariffs on imports, said: "If you don't stop shearing the wool off the sheep that lays the golden egg, you'll pump it dry."

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**J. D. GRIFFIN, Pastor**  
Pearlhaven Baptist Church,  
Brookhaven, and editor of the  
Magnet, student publication, at  
the Baptist Bible Institute.

By Theda May

J. D. Griffin, pastor of the Pearlhaven Baptist Church of Brookhaven, was the editor of the Magnet, student publication at the Baptist Bible Institute, during the past session. He has also been selected to again head the paper during the coming session. This paper has created much interest for the Institute during the past months. Especially so was this true of the special anniversary edition commemorating the twenty successful years that the school has existed.

The work at Pearlhaven church is coming along fine under the leadership of brother Griffin. Sunday school, B. T. U., and the W. M. S. are growing. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and is studying toward his theological degree at the Baptist Bible Institute where he has made a fine record as a student during the past session. He has an evangelistic note in all of his preaching and the church is growing under his faithful leadership.

Rev. A. B. Pierce, pastor of the Crystal Springs Baptist Church, will assist brother Griffin in the evangelistic meeting at the Pearlhaven church. This will be held from August 21 to September 2.

Brother Griffin is also pastor of the Johnston Station Baptist Church serving them one Sunday a month.

Under the director of Dr. Prince E. Burroughs, head of the Architectural department of the Sunday School Board, there was recently held in Nashville, Tenn., a most significant meeting of more than forty architects from fourteen (14) states. The purpose was to acquaint the architects in the different states embraced in the Southern Baptist Convention with the present-day needs of a modern Baptist church with all its organizations, and, under the guidance of Mr. Harold C. Wallace, the Board's architect, to show them how to meet these needs. Manifestly there is a revival of interest in the matter of building and remodel-

## RENEWED FAITH IN HUMANITY

By Rev. Clarence Palmer  
In Harrington, Maine

One of the assets of the tour this writer is taking is a deeper appreciation of, and a renewed confidence in humanity. On May 9th I began the long journey from Mississippi to Halifax, Nova Scotia, by the way of Richmond, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, New Brunswick, Canada, and finally arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on May 26th. The experiences up to date have been varied and profitable, but one of the big things learned is that there are still good people in the world. After leaving Mississippi I began taking a census of one person in each state touched and with the exception of a few states this survey was continued through the U. S. and Canada to Halifax. The questions asked were something like the following: Is the world getting better or worse? Is honesty increasing or decreasing? Are the morals rising or falling? Is church attendance increasing or decreasing? The data thus collected is interesting indeed. If this cross section survey is reliable, we are compelled to say that the world could be much worse than it now is. Indeed it has been inspiring to learn that honesty is not an altogether passing virtue. Some concrete and convincing proofs were presented to prove this to be true. Some have advised me that the morals are higher, that church attendance is increasing and one business man said honesty has increased about 40% for the last five or ten years. If you knew the kindness, cordiality and favor shown to this writer under various circumstances in both the U. S. and Canada, surely you would share the feeling with us that there are still good people to be found in this world.

## MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Hattiesburg, Miss.

The books of Mississippi Woman's College have been opened for 1938-39 reservations. Dr. Holcomb says that advance requests for reservations far outnumbered either of the past two years. President Holcomb spoke enthusiastically of the prospects for next year and the splendid work of the session just closed.

Congratulations have come from all parts of the country and abroad, that Mississippi Woman's College during this session became the only college for women in the state to reach the \$500,000 endowment required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for a standard senior college. Full membership of Mississippi Woman's College in the association was reaffirmed by that body on April 1 in the session at Dallas, Texas.

On May 29, the commencement sermon was preached by Dr. W. E.

Denham, pastor of Euclid Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri. Miss Bonnie Lenore Denham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Denham, was this session a first-year student at Mississippi Woman's College and will be remembered by hundreds of church representatives as the harpist of the recent Baptist State W. M. U. Convention at New Albany. The baccalaureate address was delivered on the evening of May 30 by President Paul M. West of Sunflower Junior College, Moorhead, Miss. Announcement has been made that the 1938 summer school will begin June 6.—Reporter.

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MORTON

The revival meeting at Morton led by Reverend D. W. Smith and Reverend M. E. Perry reached high tides and witnessed the salvation of twenty souls. Nineteen of these united with the Baptist church, Nine united by letter.

On the fifth day of the meeting brother Smith was stricken ill and had to return to his home in Hattiesburg. At the close of our meeting he was still sick. Brother Perry who was directing the music and educational conferences, took brother Smith's place as evangelist and preached through the remaining seven days. Our people prayed for brother Perry and God led him to do some splendid preaching. Two thirds of those trusting Jesus made profession of faith during brother Perry's preaching. He was able to fit in to the emergency and lead right on with very little let down in the meeting.

Many of the Springfield church

members came to hear brother Perry. That church has invited brother Perry to lead in their revival meeting in July. This pastor and that church are looking forward to brother Perry's coming. We heartily commend him to any church as singer or preacher. He can help any church. He is a splendid evangelist.  
C. O. Estes

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An interesting advertisement that appeared in the college paper, "the gentleman who took my psychology notes from the cloak rack will return them before exams, no questions will be unanswered."

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Any who are interested in making a bus trip to Ridgecrest for the Sunday school week, July 17-22, will write Walter E. Price, Jr., of Clinton. The round-trip will very probably not exceed \$8.00.



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# SOUTHERN BAPTIST LIBERTY

By J. H. Thomas

Today's paper carried a report from the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Richmond, Va. Says the Memphis Commercial Appeal: "Five thousand Baptists solemnly rose in mass today to disapprove organic union with all other Christian denominations. Organic union under present conditions, said the outspoken report, is impossible with Baptists. Though they rejoice in their spiritual union with all who love the Lord in sincerity and truth. Cooperation with fellow Christians and fellow citizens, whether Protestant or Catholic, whether Jew or Gentile, in every worthy effort for the moral and social uplift of humanity, as well as for the equal civil, and religious rights of all men in all lands, was pledged."

This far-reaching impressive declaration will be both praised and condemned. It will be praised by Southern Baptists everywhere, and by many broad minded Christians of other denominations. And many no doubt who are not members of any church will accept this resolution in a high-toned democratic Christian American declaration. Certainly no well informed person can question its being thoroughly Baptist. But it will be condemned by the advocates of organic Christian union. They will say something like this:

"The spiritual fellowship of Southern Baptists with Christians of other denominations, their pledge of moral support of others in every worthy effort for the moral and social uplift of humanity, and their profound pronouncement upon the equal civil and religious rights of all men costs them nothing; whereas organic union with other religious organizations would take money from Southern Baptist churches and consequently from the Southern Baptist Convention. That's why Southern Baptist leaders so easily declare their belief in the equal civil and religious rights of all men, so readily proclaim their spiritual fellowship for all who love the Lord, and so willingly give their moral support to moral and social movements not under their control while cunningly avoiding organic union with other Christian bodies."

Such criticism is wholly unjust and should not be made, but it will be made. Southern Baptists will still be judged as being narrow, selfish, and bigoted.

Whatever may be said in praise or blame of the action of the Southern Baptist Convention, it is undeniable that Southern Baptists were entirely within their rights in sending forth this courageous liberty defending declaration; and no more praise-worthy resolution was ever adopted by a religious convention.

But the beautiful thing about this Convention resolution is it expresses the Baptist spirit all the way down to the last man in the smallest church in the Convention. A local Baptist church anywhere in the land is just as free as the Convention to declare its independence of all other organizations. The Southern Baptist Convention not only declared its

independence of other denominations, but of other Baptist organizations—the Northern Baptist Convention, the Canadian Baptist Convention, the English Baptist Association, and all other general Baptist bodies—as well. And any church in the Convention can say by resolution in its own business meeting:

"We rejoice in our spiritual union with all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity and truth, and we pledge our cooperation with all our fellow Christians and fellow citizens, whether Protestant, Catholic, Jew or Gentile, in every worthy effort for the moral and social uplift of humanity, as well as for the equal civil and religious rights of all men in all lands, but under present conditions organic union which would connect this church up with other organizations is impossible," without evoking a subterranean whispering campaign derogatory to its reputation. No real Baptist, not to say one who sanctions the action of the Convention at Richmond, will say of such church and pastor what is often said of Southern Baptist leaders by men of other religious organizations, that they are uninformed, narrow, selfish, non-cooperative, antagonistic, and un-Christian in spirit; because Baptists believe that the local church, like the Convention, is free to cooperate, or not to cooperate, with other organizations. They do not practice, nor do they tolerate coercive cooperation. Coercive cooperation, often the result of organic union, destroys Baptist liberty. Baptist cooperation is free and voluntary, from the individual in the local church up to the boards, institutions, and meetings of the Convention, and out to the last missionary on the foreign field. That is why our fellowship is so wonderful. It is based on Christian love.

There are those among us who would change this free voluntary method of cooperation. If they could they would use a little force on some of us obstreperous Baptists, but they have not the power. They would tie the churches up in hard and fast commercial organization and compel them to support a denominational program irrespective of the desires or interest of the local church, and not leave the church free to determine the extent and method of its cooperation, or the amount and percentages of its offerings.

But they are not at heart Baptists, and they will never succeed. Baptists, from the greenest deacon in the most backward country church up to the wisest man among them, will defend the freedom of the weakest church in the Convention as readily as they will defend the freedom and independence of the Convention. The smallest church and its pastor are just as free in Southern Baptist circles as the largest church, the greatest preacher, the strongest board or institution, or the Convention itself.

To prove what I am saying is true: you are now reading an article on the freedom and independence of a local Baptist church and preacher, from the pen of one who has never held any official position in any Baptist convention, and has



MISS ELIZABETH WILLIAMS

Miss Elizabeth Williams, Utica, who has just been elected president of the Baptist Student Union of Blue Mountain College for 1938-39.

never been pastor of any but small country and village churches, and the Baptist paper you hold in your hand publishes this article as willingly as if it were written by the President of the Southern Baptist Convention, without the least apology, or slightest question as to the extent of the influence of its author or the amount of money he controls. This is Baptist liberty. There is nothing like it in all the world. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty," II Cor. 3:17.

This liberty should never be abused. And we independent Baptists should always remember that there is as much liberty in saying "I will," as there is in saying "I won't." Many who call themselves Baptists take advantage of the liberty which they find in Baptist churches to do nothing, or to do wrong. However, the more widely this doctrine of Christian love and liberty is disseminated, and the more thoroughly it is accepted and understood, the more universal and complete will be our cooperation in Christian service.

"Let us stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ has set us free, and be not entangled with a yoke of bondage"; and to guard ourselves against the abuse of liberty let us remember these words: "Brethren ye are called unto liberty, only use not liberty as an occasion to the flesh, but in love serve one another." Gal. 5:1, 13.

Halls, Tenn.

J. N. McMorries

J. N. McMorries was found dead in bed on the morning of April 24,

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two weeks prior to his seventy-sixth birthday. For thirty-six years he had served as a deacon of the Brooksville Baptist Church, and for more than thirty years he had served as teacher of the Fidelis class. His record of attendance at Sunday school can hardly be equalled anywhere, for he allowed nothing—vacation trips or otherwise, to take him out of town on Sunday at the Sunday school hour.

After services by his former pastor, the Rev. C. O. Estes, Morton, he was laid to rest by the side of his wife, Mrs. Mary Casby McMorries, in the Brooksville Cemetery.

—BR—

The smart young fellow stepped out of the taxi.

"Sorry, old chap," he said, "but I can't pay you. You can't get blood out of a turnip, you know."

"No," said the taxi-driver, taking off his coat, "but you ain't no turnip."

—BR—

"Yes, sir, I believe that big wars often are caused by the smallest matters," ruminated Old Man Jones. "Why, just the other night my wife was working a cross-word puzzle, and she looked up at me and said, 'What is a female sheep?' and I replied, 'Ewe.' And there was another big war on."

—BR—

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# The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

[Send all communications to Mrs. Frances Lipsey Steele, Magee, Miss.]

My dear children:

Has anyone ever cheered your heart with an unexpected word of appreciation or praise? Did it give you a lilting, singing feeling and bring an unexpected smile to your lips. And didn't it stir something deep down inside you and, even though you might have felt very unworthy of those kind words, didn't it make you want to do better next time and be more worthy? I'm sure you have had that very experience. And now I'm going to ask you some more questions. Have you ever failed to express appreciation to others of worthwhile work well done? Have you remembered to praise when praise might have been sorely needed to bolster up a little self confidence. Have you always been careful to say "thank you" when a kindness was done? Possibly all of us have been more or less negligent in this way. I have known of boys or young men to stop a car by "thumbing" (if you know what I mean, and I think you do) and step in the car and take a seat without even saying "good morning," much less "thank you." I heard a lady tell one time about when she was quite a young school teacher. She was extremely conscientious and perhaps a little severe in her requirements. She said one day that accidentally as she was turning the pages of a student's book, she came upon these words in the pupil's handwriting "— (and her own name filled those blanks) would not praise you for anything." After she got over her surprise, she said she made up her mind that she would let that be a lesson to her. After that, every time there was opportunity she did praise her students and she said it was not long before she noticed a different attitude of the class toward her and toward the work.

If we needed a text from the Bible for this little talk, it would not be hard to find. There may be several that you think of. I do want to ask you to turn to Philippians the fourth chapter and the eighth verse. Read all the verse, because I'm going to quote you only the very last part of it, "If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Then turn to I Peter the third chapter and the eighth verse and in it you will find these two words "Be courteous."

We have letters and contributions from our "Gloster friend," from James Lanier Gray, an eight year old boy whom we welcome, and from Margaret Henley, who writes for herself and Fannie Mae who is visiting in Arkansas. We also have these words from J. L. Club No. 7: "Here is a check for back dues of our Jeannie Lipsey Club." To all these we are grateful. Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Mize are saying "Thank you" for the checks sent them last week.

With love,  
Mrs. Frances Steele

## BIBLE STUDY

Proverbs 14:26: In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

"I recall hearing a man tell about a striking experience with robbers. It was out in China, in one of the far western provinces. He was engaged in mission service there.

"He had to make a journey on horseback through a rough mountainous region. It was a wild region infested with robbers. He had been entrusted with some valuables which he had concealed about his person. He was riding along the rough road, alert to the possible danger, yet un-

armed. For he was a man of simple faith, full of common sense but refusing to injure anyone by using physical force.

"In a very lonely part of the road he met two men, riding horseback, and going in the opposite direction. They were rough looking men, fully armed, indeed desperate looking. He gave them the usual greeting as they passed, which they returned in a half surly fashion.

"Some few years after a man came up to him at the close of a religious meeting he had been conducting. Very earnestly, though very quietly, this stranger asked if he could recall two men on horseback such and such a time and place.

"Then he said, 'I was one of those two men. We were robbers, highwaymen. That was before I became a Christian, of course. We knew about you, the valuables you were carrying, and the road you would take. We were expecting to assail and rob you. But when we met you on the road we were afraid of the other two men with you, and so we went on by without molesting you.'

"And the missionary man astonished said 'The other two men! What do you mean? I was quite alone.'

"No,' the other said, very emphatically, 'there were two other men on horseback, one on each side of you. And we were afraid to attack three.'

"With a touch of awe the missionary recognized that, quite unknown to himself, God had sent these two companions, spirit companions, angel companions, to guard him. It would be a simple thing to make them visible to the robbers though not to himself."

—From "Quiet Talks with Eager Youth" by S. D. Gordon. Used by permission of Fleming H. Revell Co., N. Y., publishers.

Gloster, Miss.,  
May 28, 1938

Dear Mrs. Steele:  
Here I am again with my May tithe.

Just a little more each time, but so very small.

How you must have enjoyed your trip, seeing so many things of interest.

With love,  
The Same "Friend."

Friend, you speak of your gift as small. Perhaps it is in comparison with what you should like to give, but if all our gifts increased even a little each month, just think how great the increase would be! Thank you.—F. L. S.

Ecu, Miss.,  
May 28, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Steele:  
I am a little boy eight years old. I surely do enjoy the Children's Circle. I am sending a dime for the orphans.

Yours truly,  
James Lanier Gray

Young man, we are glad you enjoy the Children's Circle, and you are bringing joy to us with your letter. Thank you.—F. L. S.

Olive Branch, Miss.,  
May 30, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:  
Fannie Mae is visiting our cousin, Emma Frances Henley, in Tyronza, Ark., this week, and attending her D.V.B.S., but before she left she told me to please send you her Jeannie Lipsey club dues for May with my quarter-to-two club dues for April and May. The extra money is from Fannie Mae for the Mrs. Julia Toy Lipsey memorial.

With love,  
Margaret E. Henley

We appreciate your writing, Mar-

garet, and sending your and Fannie Mae's gifts. Will you have a chance to attend a D.V.B.S.? I hope you do.—F.L.S.

My dear Mrs. Steele:

Your check for \$3.98 as a contribution from the Children's Circle toward the scholarship for next year received and I am hastening to express my appreciation for your abiding interest in our beloved school.

Professor Haight, our registrar, tells me that there are already as many approved applications for next session as there were on September 1 of last year. It seems that we may expect a great school next session.

With best wishes for you and the Children's Circle, I am

Yours cordially,  
W. W. Hamilton,  
President.

Jackson, Miss.,  
May 31, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

May I take this opportunity of thanking the members of the Children's Circle for their contribution of \$3.78 to the general fund and \$11.68 to B. O. B. F. We are also grateful for your continued interest and support.

Sincerely yours,  
W. G. Mize,  
Superintendent.

## S. S. ATTENDANCE JUNE 5, 1938

Jackson, First Church	984
Jackson, Calvary Church	1055
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	205
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	700
Jackson, Northside Church	116
Jackson, Parkway Church	200
Hattiesburg, First Church	504
Vicksburg, First Church	442
Taylorville Church	171
Summerland Church	104
Springfield Church	147
Union Church	256
Crystal Springs Church	286
Laurel, First Church	518
West Laurel Church	441
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church	254
Laurel, South Church	108
Mt. Oral Church (Jones Co.)	153
Pine Grove Church (Jones Co.)	95
Laurel, First Church, May 29	549

## B.T.U. ATTENDANCE JUNE 5th

West Laurel Church	179
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church	84
South Laurel Church	47
Pine Grove Church (Jones Co.)	90
Crystal Springs Church	97
Springfield Church	58
Summerland Church	35
Vicksburg, First Church	113
Jackson, First Church	163
Jackson, Calvary Church	160
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	105
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	287
Jackson, Northside Church	41
Springfield Church	58

## BROTHERHOOD ATTENDANCE

Laurel, First Church	51
West Laurel Church	45
Laurel Second Avenue	35
Summerland Church	14

A negro was telling his minister that he had "got religion."

"Dat's fine, brothah; but is you sure you is going to lay aside sin?" asked the minister.

"Yessuh. Ah's done it already."

"An' is you gwine to pay up all yoh debts?"

"Wait a minute, pahson; You ain's talking religion now; you is talking bissness!"

A man went to his doctor and requested treatment for his ankle. After careful examination the doctor inquired: "How long have you been going about like this?"

"Two years."

"Why, man, your ankle is broke! How you managed to get around is a marvel. Why didn't you come to me at first?"

"Well, doctor, every time I say something is wrong with me, my wife declares I'll have to stop smoking."

He espied his neighbor coming along the road with his fishing tackle on his back.

"Catch anything, old boy?" he eagerly asked.

"Yes, two."

"Good! What were they?"

"The 7:30 there, and the 5:15 back," came the unhappy angler's reply.—Ex.

Mrs. Jones: "I notice the minister doesn't bring his little daughter to church any more."

Mrs. Smith: "No; one Sunday recently her mother brought her, and the youngster said right out loud: 'Why, mother, you don't allow dad to do all the talking at home.'—Ex.

Nora: "What's wrong, Johnny?"

Johnny: "I burnt my h-hand in the hot water."

Nora: "Serves you right. Why didn't you feel the water before you put your hand in it?"—Ex.

Passing through a military hospital a distinguished visitor noticed a private in one of the Irish regiments who had been terribly injured. To the orderly the visitor said:

"That's a pretty hopeless case; what are you going to do with him?"

"He's going back to the front, Sir," replied the orderly.

"Going back!" said the visitor in surprise.

"Yes," said the orderly, "he thinks he knows who done it."—E. H.

Three small boys were bragging about their dads. The first boy said: "My dad writes a few lines on a paper, calls it a poem, sends it away in the mail, and gets ten dollars back for it."

"My dad," spoke up the second, "makes some dots on a piece of paper, calls it a song, sends it away and gets twenty-five dollars for it."

"That's nothing," declared the third boy. "My father writes out a sermon on a sheet of paper, gets up in the pulpit and reads it, and it takes four men to bring in the money."—Ex.

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# Baptist Training Union

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## PROGRAM

District Baptist Training Union  
Conventions

- A.M.—  
9:30—Assembly Period  
10:00—Song Service, Prayer  
10:15—President's Message  
10:30—Roll Call  
10:45—Our Five Year Program  
11:25—Message: The Christ I know,  
or My Conversion—Dr. J. F.  
Plainfield  
12:10—Appointment of Com.  
12:15—Dinner  
1:15—Song Service, Prayer  
1:30—Junior Memory Work  
1:45—Intermediate Sword Drill  
2:00—Senior Speaking  
2:30—Sectional Conferences:  
Adults  
Seniors  
Intermediates  
Juniors  
Leaders  
3:45—General Assembly  
3:50—Symposium—Objectives:  
The Adult Union  
The Senior B.Y.P.U.  
The Int. B.Y.P.U.  
The Junior B.Y.P.U.  
The Story Hour  
4:15—Question Box  
4:50—Report of Committees  
5:00—Recreation  
6:00—Supper  
7:00—Song Service, Prayer  
7:30—Message: The Foreigners in  
the Homeland — Dr. J. F.  
Plainfield.  
8:15—Moving Pictures, showing  
Home Mission Board Indian  
Work. Ridgcrest B. T. U.  
Assembly.  
8:45—Final Adjournment.

will have their program Saturday night with someone from the Anchor church there to help in any way possible. The officers elected at Paris are: Leader, Miss Theora Hamlett; President, Nilda Malone; Vice-President, Jim Foust; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Foust; Chorister, Buck Edwards; Pianist, Cue Belle Hardy; Treasurer, Earnestine Kisner; B. R. L., Lottie McCullar. Miss Lillie Pearl Williams, director of the Anchor B. T. U., reports that their work at Anchor is doing fine. They have several study courses a year, feeling that there is nothing better for building a good spirit in a union than a good study course—they are right!

## Volunteer Workers Already At Work

Every summer we have a number of volunteer workers, young people who love the Lord and desire to use their vacation working with him. This summer we will have a large number and already they have begun work. Miss Almata Reeves, who has served so faithfully for several years, will serve in Smith and Wayne Counties. Miss Carolyn Madison, who has served before, is serving in Neshoba and Noxubee Counties. Mr. Joe Stroud, also one who has served before, is working in Covington and Jeff Davis Counties. These are already at work and getting splendid results. Others no doubt have been added to the list of "already at work" since this was written. We appreciate the splendid service of our volunteers and believe they will not lose their reward.

## Associational B.T.U. Leadership Conferences For August

August, the second month in the quarter, is the month for the Associational B. T. U. Leadership Conference. The associations who have promoted this conference have found it to be perhaps the best of the meetings held by the Associational B. T. U. That is true because this is a meeting where the leaders of all unions come together for the purpose of discussing the individual problems that they may have to come up from time to time. It ought to be held in every association, and it should bring to the leaders much help. Why not make it a real contribution to the work? That can only be done as the departmental leaders make plans for the conference, and then do their best to enlist all the leaders to attend. For instance, the Senior B. Y. P. U. leader for the Associational B. T. U. will try to get every Senior president in the association to attend the conference, and he will prepare a program for his part of the conference, that will be designed to help every Senior president. That will be true of each other departmental leader. It is WHAT YOU PUT INTO IT that makes it yes or

no of a success. Make plans for this conference at your executive committee meeting this month.

—BR—  
"A LOW-DOWN DRUNKEN DOG"  
Student C. I. Edge, B. B. I.  
New Orleans, La.

We had already started service when a nice looking young man came in and sat back about halfway of the building, and as I preached I noticed he was very much interested for he was weeping. As I concluded the service I made my plea to him especially, but he did not come and it seemed that I could not let go. I saw that he was having a battle, so another passage of scripture aside from the text came to me, and that was Mark 1:40-41, and I read this scripture and he began to shake with weeping.

I walked back to where he was and said to him, "Brother, why don't you surrender to Jesus?" and he said, "Pray for me for I am lost." I asked him to kneel down where he was and pray for himself. As we prayed together, this was his prayer, "Oh, Lord, I don't know how to pray, but I have been a low-down drunken dog. Please Lord forgive me and save me." He arose from his knees and said something had happened inside of him that had never happened before. I asked him did he believe the Lord had saved him, and he said, "I know He saves me."

## SOME GREAT DEVELOPMENTS

By Thos. J. Watts, Secretary  
The Relief and Annuity Board

The Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in session at Seminary Hill on Monday, May 30, unanimously and enthusiastically adopted the "CONVENTION MINISTERS' RETIREMENT PLAN" (a group plan for ministers) and appointed a strong promotion committee to collaborate with the state secretary and the Relief and Annuity Board. It is expected the plan will be inaugurated by January 1, 1939.

Thus Texas becomes State number two to adopt the Ministers' Retirement Plan, South Carolina having adopted it two months ago. Pastors and churches in South Carolina under the leadership of Dr. Chas. A. Jones, general secretary, are adopting this plan rapidly. Texas will have an intensive campaign in the interest of this plan during the next six months under the general leadership of Dr. R. C. Campbell, general secretary. Other states have special committees considering recommending a like action on the part of their general boards or conventions. Among these are Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri.

Great and encouraging things are being considered in behalf of Southern Baptist ministers. Already every missionary or other employee of the Foreign Mission Board is protected against old age or disability dependency through the Relief and Annuity Board. Likewise, the employees of ten orphanages and ten state boards, besides employees of a dozen other state organizations and several educational institutions, are protected by similar plans. Al-

ready more than sixteen hundred preachers hold Relief and Annuity Board certificates. The present movement to inaugurate group plans in each state with state board or convention undergirding is the crowning development in the Relief and Annuity Board's efforts in behalf of our preachers. The "day of march has come!"

## GIVE YOUR CHILD A CHANCE

By Sallie Rust Moss

This little book is not simply a book on child training but on Christian child training. Mrs. Moss does not believe that a child can be educated into eternal life, but she does believe that a person's whole life can be made or marred by his early training. In this "Primer in the mother's work" as she terms it, she treats obedience, confidence, fear, reading, honesty, and ideals in the light of God's word. It will truly be a help to any parent or teacher or other friends of children who wish to guide aright those under their care. Attractively gotten up, interestingly written, profoundly thoughtful, it is a valuable little book.

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## TO BE CONTINUED

By Lonnie Benson Clark

To Be Continued is a conversational history of Woman's Missionary Union, written for Girl Auxiliaries and Royal Ambassador chapters. By conversation, chatty letters, and brief explanations, this little book presents an accurate, attractive record of Woman's Missionary Union which should be of special interest to boys and girls of junior and intermediate ages. Mrs. Thomas shows marked talent in depicting the salient facts of fifty years and more of missions through a story in which a missionary minded family with an alert son and daughter follow the course of missions from the haystack prayer meeting on through the jubilee convention of W. M. U. in 1938. It also contains the pictures of early and present leaders. Your girl or boy should find this a source of information and inspiration as well.

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Mrs. Sandy (looking out window), "Sandy, here comes some company for supper."

Mr. Sandy (after a moment's pause): "Quick, everybody, run out on the perch with a toothpick."—Ex.

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## Anchor Does Extension Work

The Anchor Training Union, Lafayette County, one of the best country church unions in the state, is busy helping others. Recently they went to Paris and led in the organization of an Intermediate B. Y. P. U. Their plan is to help them in their work until they are well established, hence the Paris union



## A CHANGE IN PASTORS

There wasn't anything against him.  
But in this the changing age  
Did not have the Grace to change themselves,  
So they changed the preacher at this stage.

All did not want the preacher to leave yet,  
But, he had found out some of the pet sin.  
It was easier to move the preacher than the pet  
So it was time for another to begin.

The word went out, the preacher did not suit  
Like the others that had held this place.  
They came from the East and West  
From the North and South to be in the race.

But bad news travels fast, and it was a known fact  
The people in this little church were hard to please,  
Those who preached on trial, found the others had been sacked  
And were afraid that they too, might be asked to leave.

The young people grew wild as weeds,  
And for years no preacher to lead was near.  
This poor neglected church soon found its needs,  
But it was not a change in preachers, every year.

It was a change in the hearts  
Of many members both young and old.  
Dear God, gave them wisdom to know  
The trouble lay in their own souls.

They now see the preacher as God's gift  
Whose only desire, is their souls to lift  
Above earth's toil, sickness and sorrow  
To be joined in Heaven on that happy tomorrow.



MISS BETTIE PATE GURNEY,  
Graduate of Blue Mountain College  
and assistant librarian of the col-  
lege, who became associated with  
the Baptist Book Store, Jackson,  
May 1.

—BR—  
PHEBA

During the week of May 23-27th  
the Training Unions of the Baptist  
church were engaged in a study  
course. Brother Frye, the new pas-  
tor, taught the B. A. U. Manual.  
The classes were well attended each  
evening. Splendid preparation had  
been made by the teacher, and ev-  
erything was well planned to make  
the training school a success. On  
Friday night following the exami-  
nation a social was given. The  
meeting closed with the members

joining hands in singing Blest Be  
the Tie that Binds. The leaders are  
working to have the three unions  
reach the Standard of Excellence.  
An enlargement campaign has been  
started to bring in the backsliders  
and reach out to enlist new mem-  
bers into all the unions. As a re-  
sult of the training school, an Adult  
Union has been organized. Under  
the capable supervision of Mrs.  
Frye, the pastor's wife, the Inter-  
mediate Union has been reorganiz-  
ed. The interest is increasing, and  
the attendance is growing in all the  
activities of the church.

Miss Marcelle Strickland, Clarke  
Memorial College student, has or-  
ganized a Sunbeam Band. She and  
her assistants are engaged in a  
drive to enlist all the children of  
the community into the church ac-  
tivities.

Committees have been appointed  
and arrangements have been made  
to entertain the B. Y. P. U. Con-  
vention of District 7 to be held at  
Pheba on June 21.

Laurence Miller,  
—Church Reporter

—BR—

Clubman: "I've struck a perfectly  
priceless idea. I've arranged to give  
a man \$10,000 on condition that he  
relieve me of all my worries.

Friend: That's fine, but where are  
you going to get the \$10,000?

Clubman: Ah, that will be his  
first worry.

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## SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL

*New Orleans, La.*

To the Brotherhood:

For nearly a year we have been publishing the  
fact of the need of an addition to the Southern Baptist  
Hospital, to meet the demands made upon us for  
service. We have asked for expressions from the  
brotherhood: saying that we would have to go into  
debt if we built. We made a similar oral report to  
the Southern Baptist Convention.

Hundreds of letters have come advising us to  
build.

Not one letter has advised against building.

Contributions to the proposed addition now  
amount to about \$16,000. We will need to spend  
\$100,000 or more.

The Hospital Commission will pass upon the  
question of building at its meeting June 21st. We  
earnestly ask for advice from the brotherhood.

LOUIS J. BRISTOW,

*Superintendent.*

New Orleans, La.



## WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

In the Baptist Record of January 1938, a reference is made to the ordination of a woman to the ministry of the gospel by the Galilee Baptist church of Des Moines, Iowa. It is time some faithful Baptist Christians were speaking out against this perversion and contradiction of the plain commands of the scriptures by this practice.

Here are some scriptures which stand out in plain and positive commands as shining lights (to those believers in Christ who are led by the Holy Spirit) against such interpretation of the word of God which would ordain women to the ministry.

I Cor. 14: 34-35 says: "Let your women keep silence in the churches for it is not permitted unto them to speak but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law, and if they will bear anything let them ask their husbands at home for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."

These scriptures are forceable and convincing but as further proof refer to I Timothy 2: 11-12: "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man but to be in silence." For the men in a Baptist church with these plain scriptures in mind to ordain the women to the ministry to be pastors of the church and to go as an ordained minister to take up the hardships of carrying the gospel over the foreign fields is asking them and permitting them to do that which the scriptures do not teach and permit. In the 11th chapter of 1st Corinthians Paul says the man (Adam) was the glory of God and the woman is the glory of man and the woman is of the man and was created for the man and for this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels. These and other scriptures teach us that God has order in all of his plans for the execution of his righteous will. They also teach us that his plans conform to strict precision. Notice some instances in scriptures recorded for our learning. Lev. 10:1-2 tells us Aaron's two sons were struck dead with fire from the Lord for using fire which did not come off the altar, and Moses was rebuked for striking the rock instead of only speaking as the Lord commanded and for this he was forbidden to enter the promised land—Numbers 20:7-12.

The scriptures cited above teach us that God has an orderly plan and if we do not do his will in carrying out this plan it is because of a lack of faith in his word because he said to Moses in the above cited scriptures "because ye believed in him not."

In Paul's writing referred to above Paul says Adam was the figure of Christ who was to come: Romans 5:14 and he reasons out woman's mission under God's plan. He says the woman was created for the glory of man and for this cause she ought to have power on her head because of the angels. Adam was created first (before woman) and this earth i.e. this material

world and all the creations pertaining to it was created for man, he was placed into the world, it was his kingdom. Law was then Adam a figure of Christ. Woman was made for man to minister to his glory in his kingdom; provisions were made in God's plan for this to be man's eternal kingdom and conditions that he would not violate the command.

The kingdom of Heaven i.e. kingdom of God is the kingdom of Christ also an eternal kingdom and the angels were created for his glory to minister to his glory in Heaven or on earth to do his bidding and do any mission he willed. If the submissive position of woman is the will of God, it will be man's glory and glory of God for man to do his will as revealed in his word. If the churches ordain women to the ministry the shame and blame will be on the man in the church. It is a weakness and a lack of faith on the part of man when this happens. When Jesus was on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem the disciples were praising him and the Pharisees asked Jesus to rebuke them for it. Jesus answered and said, "I tell you if these should hold their peace the stars would immediately cry out." Luke 19:40.

This teaches us that God's word can not ultimately fail for he said his word shall not return unto him void but it shall accomplish that which I please, Isaiah 55:11. If the men in the church become so weak till they will not lead in teaching and preaching the gospel then the love of Christ will be so constraining in the heart of woman till she will immediately speak out and the shame and blame will be on man and he will lose reward.

God knew from the beginning everyone who would believe his word and if there is one lost sheep in the heart of the jungle God will call some volunteer to carry his good news of the gospel to them who would hear it and believe and he will defer the great judgment day till it has accomplished that where unto he has sent it. If man's faith weakens under the cross then woman will rise to speak out the gospel truths. God uses means according to the emergency. "Brethren be not children in understanding, how be it in malice be ye children but in understanding be men," I Cor. 14:20.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong," 16:13.

### M.S.C.W. AND STATE COLLEGE INSTALLATION BANQUET

Dr. John L. Hill, of the editorial department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., delivered the "baccalaureate sermon" to Baptist students of State College and M. S. C. W. at the annual joint installation banquet honoring the old and new B. S. U. councils. The Sermon on The Mount was the basis of Dr. Hill's inspiring mes-

sage on "Building," in which he made an appeal to build the right kind of life—building one that would stand against rains, floods, and winds—and one on which Christ could be the only foundation.

The "commencement address" given by Mr. Dewitt Matthews, student secretary at the University of Alabama, though quite different in content from Dr. Hill's message deserves high recognition as an eloquent oration given in the conformed style of the typical commencement addresser.

Dr. Robert L. Bedwell, chairman of the Baptist Workshop committee, was "class sponsor" and master of ceremonies.

Class Day exercises included: Class poem by Rudolph Hough of State College; special music by the class trio, Mary Berner, Julia Russom, and Myrna Keyes, of M. S. C. W.; class history by Dorothy Dean, president of the B. S. U. council of M. S. C. W.; class music by Mary Berner of M. S. C. W.; class prophecy by Preston McDonald of State College. Lois Bush, former president of the M. S. C. W. council, introduced the guests.

Everyone joined in singing the class song, "He Lives On High," which was followed by the awarding of the diplomas to graduating members of both councils by Miss Rhobia Taylor, student secretary of M. S. C. W.

—Mildred Ellis, Reporter.

## IN MEMORY OF MRS. M. E. WOODRUFF

Whereas: Our Heavenly Father has called from among us our beloved member, Mrs. M. E. Woodruff, and

Whereas: She was a faithful worker, cheerfully giving of her best to every worthy cause, and

Whereas: She was a loyal friend, whose unfailing kindness and thoughtfulness might well be an example to us, and

Whereas: Her death has brought deep sorrow and sadness to our W. M. S.,

Therefore, be it resolved:

That we extend to the bereaved family heartfelt sympathy, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our W. M. S., and one sent to the family.

Committee:

Mrs. D. T. Horne

Mrs. I. H. Lanier

Mrs. J. E. Vaughn

—BR—

A certain justice of peace not over-alert, recalled a witness. "My man," he said sternly, "you may yet find yourself committed for perjury. Only a few moments ago you told the Court that you had only one brother but your sister has sworn that she has two. Now, out with the truth."

—BR—

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# News and Truths About Our Home Mission Work

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## MAY RECEIPTS—HOME MISSION BOARD SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Cooperative Program .....	\$ 17,862.75
Designated .....	7,918.07
Hundred Thousand Club .....	4,481.49
Annie W. Armstrong Offering .....	52,502.36
Specials .....	3,065.88
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 85,830.55</b>

## FIFTEEN MEXICANS CONVERTED IN RECENT REVIVAL

Fifteen conversions are reported in a recent revival at Hondo, Texas, in which Missionary M. C. Garcia, Mexican missionary, preached.

The new converts and other believers are ready to organize a church, the missionary states, but they are being delayed for want of a building. Services during the revival were conducted in the American church.

## INDIAN WON TO CHRIST

I had to go to Tulsa last Monday to have two of my children fitted out with glasses. While there my wife and the children wanted to go to a ten cent store to do a little shopping. As I entered the door of the store, I met a Winnabago Indian. I talked with him quite a while, after which I spoke to him about his soul's salvation. After speaking to him about Jesus, and after using a number of scriptures, telling him of God's love for him, he gladly accepted Christ as his personal Savior.—Thomas J. Wamego.

## NEW MISSIONARIES LOCATED IN FRENCH COUNTRY

Rev. and Mrs. Berkman DeVille, new missionaries in the French country, are at work on their field on Pointe au Chien in south Louisiana. A chapel, which will also be used as a school—the only one for the children in the community

## FOLLOWING IN HIS TRAIN By Ethlene Boone Cox

If there are any who have ever thought mission study, dull or uninteresting, they would do well to read the new book of Mrs. Ethlene Boone Cox, "Following In His Train." She has taken the facts of Woman's Missionary Union and woven them together into a fascinating history of beauty, interest, and value. Beginning with "our missionary background," she traces the Woman's Missionary Union as a part of the missionary movement of the ages, through its brave past to its useful, far reaching present, and envisioning a victorious future. It is full of information, inspiration, and challenge, rich in apt illustrations and unique detail, expressed in forceful and charming style. Its plan according to units, with an outline preceding each unit, makes it not only easy to read but easy to teach. Attractively bound in purple, with the title, the W. M. U. seal and the author's name in gold, it wears an appropriate dress for the history of W. M. U. written for and presented on its golden jubilee. Mrs. Cox has made a worthy contribution to the history of missions.

Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. Cloth binding, 60¢.

Policeman: "How did the accident happen?"

Motorist: "My wife fell asleep in the back seat."—Ex.

## HOME MISSIONS REVIVAL IN MARTINSVILLE, VA. By J. F. Plainfield, Italian Missionary

After attending the convention at Richmond, I spent eight days with Rev. Thomas Fryer, pastor of the Starling Avenue Baptist Church, Martinsville, Va., in an institute of Missions, teaching Dr. J. B. Lawrence's book, Taking Christ Seriously, and addressing each evening a crowd estimated to exceed 400 on week days.

Both Sunday evenings the crowds packed the auditorium aisles, balcony and doors, and overflowed into the basement made accessible to the message through the amplifiers, thus giving me the finest opportunity to press for decisions and to present the work of Home Missions. Even then, some two hundred people were turned away for lack of space.

It was a great occasion for Home Missions, not fewer than 150 attending regularly the evening class on Taking Christ Seriously and a daily audience of 400 drinking in my messages on "Christ and I," a series of spiritual and missionary topics for deepening the spiritual life of the Christian people and the missionary zeal of the church.

The pastor is a great worker, a fine preacher and a lover of missions, and his fine young wife backs him up with all of her splendid personality and winsome ways. The

—and a home for the missionaries have been built by the Home Mission Board, thus providing an attractive plant for effective work on this needy field.

Although the people speak French, they are a mixture of French, Indian and Negro bloods. There is universal rejoicing, the missionaries report, over the erection of the mission buildings, and the opening of school and religious services.

"One woman (the only Indian woman here who speaks English) told me the other day," Mrs. DeVille writes, "that she had not been happy lately, but now that we had come and they had the church and school she was happy."

## MEXICAN WOMAN MAKES COURAGEOUS TESTIMONY

By Pascual Hurtiz, Mexican Missionary

For some weeks a Catholic priest has been visiting in nearly all of the Mexican families. His object, according to what I hear, was to persuade these families not to come to our services which he nearly succeeded in doing.

It is said that the priest went to the home of one of our members. When he arrived at the house, he was invited in without giving the customary courtesy to the priest of kissing his hand to salute him respectfully. The woman just spoke to the priest and perhaps because of this treatment he stopped at the door of the home.

"Senora," he said, "what religion do you profess?"

"Senor, I and all my family are Baptists," she valiantly replied.

At this the priest turned and left the house.

How I wish there were more Christians like this woman who have the courage to confess Christ at any moment and under any circumstances.

two make a fine team. The success of the eight days of Home Missions revival is due largely to their efforts in preparing for my coming.

There were more than twenty additions to the church, fourteen or more by baptism and the others by letter or statement. It was a revival in every sense of the word, yet I would not depart from the accustomed plan of mine to preach only Christ and missions.

The meeting at Martinsville demonstrated beyond cavil that the gospel is still the power of God, and the thirty-eight subscriptions to Southern Baptist Home Missions secured by the pastor prove that Home Missions, when presented in a challenging way, will win the love and loyalty of our people.

## S. S. CONVENTION OF ZION ASSOCIATION

The meeting was with Bradford church May 29. The opening program was by Bradford Sunday school. Mrs. Dottie Cooper made a fine address on Temperance. Committees on Credentials, Nominations and Program were appointed. There was a report of general officers. Mr. E. C. Williams, State Sunday school secretary, made the address at eleven o'clock.

Dinner was served at the church, and the congregation was well fed. Rev. L. F. Dorroh led the devotion in the afternoon. The committees reported. The next meeting will be

## DEBTS REDUCED RAPIDLY

The Home Mission Board has paid this year to date on debts approximately \$85,000 which exceeds the amount paid last year at the same time by about \$40,000. It is expected that total debt payments in 1938 will go far beyond last year's record of \$145,560.37.

## GOSPEL MAKING PROGRESS IN NEW ORLEANS

By Gladys Keith, Supt., Rachel Sims Mission  
Yesterday afternoon there were eight conversions in our work and another last night. In the last two days we have been able to preach the gospel to two hundred and fifty people. Out of that came fifteen professions of faith in our Lord.

There is a gradual growth in our week day work. Children who have been forbidden the privilege of coming here through the months just past are now coming back.

Some days we have as many as three services at different places going at one time. We are training workers who have been converted in the field, and find that they are just fine in the work.

We are to baptize a man from Mexico City this month. He is blind. While in Mexico his grandfather used to read the Bible to him and his sister. If he had been discovered reading it to them he would have been killed, but the Lord was with them. We have already baptized his sister and three of her children.

There are two Baptist families in sight of the Mission now. The Mission faces a square. Across the square this Mexican family lives, and on the other side is another Baptist family.

The Baptists are taking New Orleans. It is a slow process but it is happening. The radio programs are changing the attitudes of many who have been hostile toward Baptists. The churches are working, and the Bible Institute is doing a marvelous work. Pray that all the churches will want to do missionary work.

held with Shady Grove church.

Mrs. J. M. Britt made a talk on "What Do Teachers Teach." Also there was an address on the D. V. B. S. by Rev. J. B. Middleton and one on Evangelism by Rev. Jesse Dorroh. Mrs. L. W. Harpole directed the music, closing with the song "God be with you." All felt that the Lord greatly blessed us. The church was beautifully decorated. There were 300 or more present.

L. R. Pittman, Clerk  
Grenada, Route 4.

"A fellow has to be a contortionist to get on these days," says a philosopher. "First he has to keep his back to the wall and his ear to the ground. Then he must put his shoulder to the wheel, his nose to the grindstone, keep a level head, and have both feet on the ground."—Ex.

A pedestrian bumped by a taxi found himself lying in the street directly in the path of a steam roller. "That reminds me," he cried, "I was to bring home some pancake flour."—Ex.

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